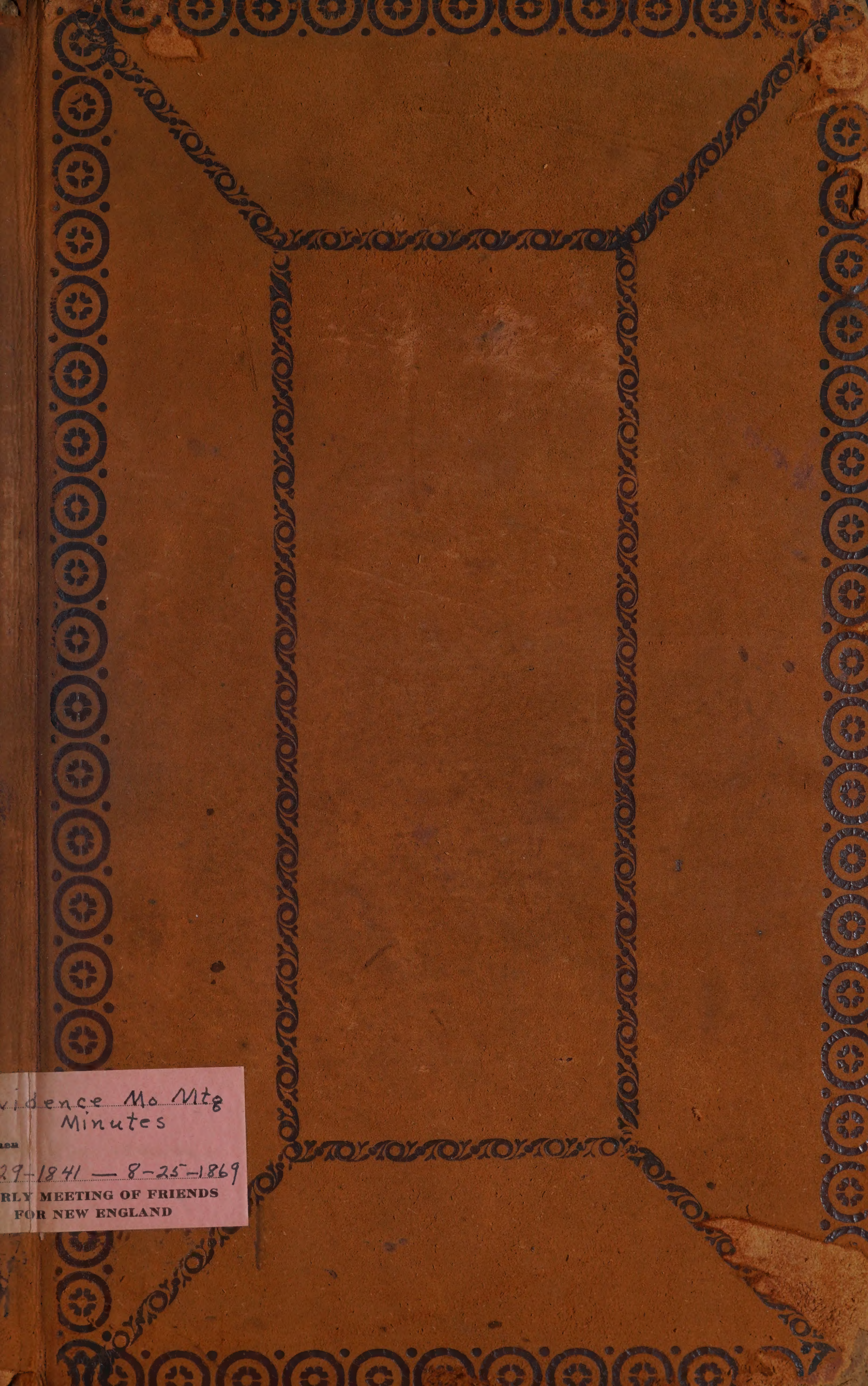

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo: 29. 1841 -

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell, Gideon C. Smith - from Providence Gilbert Congdon and George F. Read - who are present -

The Committee in the case of Moses B. Lockwood made the following report viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
The Committee having had a full opportunity with Moses B. Lockwood - Report - he acknowledged the correctness of the complaint from the overseers, but evinced no disposition to change his course in future - It is our judgment that farther labour in the case would not be beneficial

Providence 28th of 8th mo: 1841 -
Joseph Metcalf
Thomas Hastings
Caleb Paine
Nathan Buffinton"

which is accepted - and with the concurrence of the womens' meeting we disown him as a member of our religious Society -- Thomas Hastings is appointed to inform him thereof and report to our next meeting -

The Committee in the case of Samson Almy made the following report viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Providence - We your Committee agreeably to appointment have visited Samson Almy on a complaint brought up by the overseers - The complaint was true in fact and his affairs have been or will be doubtless settled accordingly -- Samson seemed very tender - he treated us respectfully, and is very desirous of remaining in Society; and however our sympathy may be, and is, deeply affected in his case, still we cannot advise his retention - All which is respectfully submitted

9mo: 29 - 1841 -
Adam Comstock
John T. Kenyon
Turner Haskell"

which is accepted and with the unity of the womens meeting we disown him as a member of our religious Society — Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case and report to our next meeting —

We have united with the women in disowning Sarah Jane Harris as a member of our religious Society —

We have also united with the women in receiving Alcy A. Remington into membership with us —

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect of attending Salem Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Weare, and of appointing a meeting in that neighbourhood should way open for it — which claimed the deliberate consideration of this meeting and was fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue the prospect as Truth may direct —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 10 mo: 27th 1841 — The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Jonathan Freeborn, Turner Haskell — from Providence, Jonathan L. Slocum and Gilbert Congdon — who are present —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the requisite answers from the Preparative meetings from which a selection has been made which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Caleb Paine and Allen Wing — whom we appoint our Representatives —

Our beloved friend John Meader, a minister in unity with us, informed this meeting that he believed the time had now come for him to spread before us a concern which had for several years rested upon his mind, and with increased weight of latter time to visit in Gospel Love most of the tribes of Indians who have ~~recently~~ removed west of the Mississippi and to hold religious meetings among them — to visit those Friends who are situated within the limits of the territory of Iowa — to attend the Yearly Meeting of Indiana and most of the Quarterly and some of the other meetings belonging thereto - and also to visit some of the meetings in Ohio Yearly Meeting - and as his mind may be drawn to the service and way open for it to appoint meetings among Friends and others in the course of his journey -

The concern of our friend as thus opened to us received our deliberate and solid consideration and much sympathy and unity were expressed with him therein and he was left at liberty to pursue the prospect as Truth may direct - In liberating our dear friend for this weighty service we commend him to the protecting care of the Great Head of the Church and to the brotherly attention of those among whom his lot may be cast, desiring his preservation and safe return to his family and friends with the reward of peace -

The Committee to procure subscribers for the volume of Memorials of deceased Friends report that 39 copies have been called for which the Clerk is requested to procure from the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings -

Thomas Harkness reports that he has given Moses B. Lockwood the required information in his case -

Samuel Boyd Tobey reports that he has informed Samson Almy of our decision in his case -

We have with the concurrence of the women's meeting accepted the following removal certificate from Swanzey M.o meeting on behalf of Peter Lunt - viz

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Peter Lunt having removed to live within the limits of your meeting - this may certify that he is a member of our Society of an orderly life - diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings - has settled his outward affairs and is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears - We recommend him to your christian care -

By direction of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 10 mo. 25th 1841

Thomas Wilbur } Clerks"
Anna E. Chace }

Our friend Samuel Boyd Tobey returned the minute granted him at our last meeting with the information that he had been favoured to attend to the prospect to the peace of his mind - He also presented a copy of a minute from Salem Quarterly Meeting held 10 mo: 21st expressing that his company and religious services had been to their comfort and edification -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity, informed us that she had a prospect of attending Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting and the opening of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting by appointment of the Yearly Meeting and that for some time past she had believed it would be right for her to visit a few of the meetings within their limits - with which this meeting unites - and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct - The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the womens' meeting -

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Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by most friends in a situation to attend - the hour nearly observed - generally preserved from unbecoming behaviour a few instances of sleeping excepted -

2d Love and unity pretty well maintained - and detraction mostly guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge -

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree conformable to the query - and judgment has been placed when necessary according to discipline -

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 mo: 24th 1841.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf, Nathan Buffinton from Providence Thomas Chace and Daniel Robinson who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

We have with the concurrence of the women accepted the following removal certificates from Greenwich Mo: Meeting on behalf of Paul Coffin and his minor daughters Sarah and Elizabeth - of William G. Coffin and Waterman Chace and family -

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear friends Paul Coffin having removed with his family to reside within the limits of your meeting is desirous of having our certificate for himself and daughters Sarah and Elizabeth, minors, - this is therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society - exemplary in life and conversation and diligent in the attendance of meetings - and upon inquiry his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled - The above named daughters are also members of our religious Society of orderly lives and conversation and frequent in the attendance of meetings. We commend them to your christian care and are your friends - Signed by direction and on behalf of Greenwich Monthly meeting held 4th of 10th mo: 1841 -

William Reynolds Clerk
Anna Howland Assistant Clerk"

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear friends William G. Coffin having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting is desirous of having our certificate - this is therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society in good degree exemplary in life and conversation and diligent in the attendance of meetings and upon inquiry his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled and is clear of marriage engagements - We commend him to your christian care and are your friends - Signed by direction and on behalf of Greenwich Mo: Meeting of Friends held 4th of 10 mo: 1841

Wm Reynolds Clerk
Anna Howland Assistant Clerk"

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
Dear friends. Waterman Chase having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate for himself and family - viz. Elizabeth A. his wife, and infant son George Anthony - This is therefore to certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious society, in good degree exemplary in life and conversation, and in the attendance of meetings, and upon inquiry their outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled - We commend them to your christian care and are your friends
Signed by direction and on behalf of Greenwich Mo. Meeting of Friends held 4th of 10th Mo. 1841 -

William Reynolds Clerk
Anna Howland Assistant Clerk"

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving Hannah Lawrence as a member of our religious Society -

The Committee on the subject of a Library for the use of this Monthly Meeting made the following report, which is accepted and the same Committee are requested to receive the books referred to in the report and dispose of them in the manner proposed -

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
We, of the Committee appointed in the 3d Mo. 1834 and continued in the 11th Mo. 1835 on the subject of establishing a Library for the use of Friends of this meeting now Report - that way has not opened for carrying into effect the establishment of the proposed Library - and we would propose that the subscriptions that have been made for this purpose should be severally remitted to the individual subscribers and the subscription papers cancelled - and that the books left by our late friend Moses Brown for the use of this meeting be placed in the families of Friends -

Providence 11 Mo. 20th 1841 -

Arnold Congdon
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Caleb Paine"

We have united with the women in accepting a removal certificate from Greenwich Mo. Meet. on behalf of Lydia and Phebe Coffin —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friend
held at Smithfield 12 Mo: 29th 1841-
The Representatives from the preparative meetings a
from Smithfield, Joseph Smith, Turner Haskill –
Providence, Allen Wing and John Meader who are presen

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute by which it appears that $235. are wanted for the use of that meeting – Our preparative meetings are requested to raise $450.- for the above purpose and for this meetings use and pay to our Treasurer --

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset the 4th of 11th mo: 1841 - It is concluded to raise 500 dollars for this meetings use the ensuing year, which our monthly meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer - in the usual proportions - Providence monthly meetings proportion is 235 dollars -
On behalf of the meeting David Buffum Clerk"

The London General Epistle for 1841 has been read at this time and is acceptable to us -

Our friend Elizabeth Meader at this time returned the minute granted her in the 10th Mo with the information that she had been favoured to accomplish her prospect to the peace and relief of her mind - She also presented copies of minutes from Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings expressing that her company had been acceptable to them -

We unite with the women in accepting a removal certificate from New York monthly meeting on behalf of Elizabeth A. Case wife of James R. Case -

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1 Mo: 26th 1842 - The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith – Providence, Arnold Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum – who are present –

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the requisite answers from the preparative meetings from which a selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends William Jenkins, Turner Haskill and Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our Representatives –

Thomas Harkness, Daniel Robinson and Thomas Chace are appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting – to report to our next meeting –

The subject of the accommodation afforded by our meeting house in this place, both for the ~~accommodation of the~~ Quarterly Meeting and public meetings having claimed our attention, the present Committee who have charge of the house, with the addition of Nathan Buffinton, Joseph Metcalf, Turner Haskill and James Dennis are requested to make inquiry and report to this meeting their judgment as to what measures it is proper to adopt in the case –

We are informed through Providence Prep. Meeting that George F. Read requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Salem Monthly Meeting – Arnold Congdon and Allen Wing are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if nothing obstructs prepare one and present it to our next meeting –

The Committee on the subject of the Library report that they have attended to the service assigned them in the 11th month last and that the books referred to in the report then made, have been placed in the families of Friends as directed by this meeting –

Our friend Anna A. Jenkins at this time returned the minute granted her in the 7th month last, with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish all the prospect she had then before her to the relief and peace of her mind – which is satisfactory to us – She also presented minutes from Salem and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings and from Smithfield, Sandwich and Pembroke Monthly Meetings severally expressing that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them –

Our friend Nathan Douglass attended this meeting with a Minute from Durham Monthly Meeting held the 25: of 11th month 1841 - expressing their unity with him in his present religious engagement -

We unite with the women in disowning Lydia A. Harris as a member of our religious society -

Answers to the Queries -

Answer 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended - those on first day by the greater part of Friends - mid-week meetings not so fully attended - the hour nearly observed - generally clear of unbecoming behaviour except some instances of sleeping -

2nd: Love and unity we believe to be generally maintained among us - and detraction mostly guarded against - No differences have come to our knowledge -

10th:- Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders, in good measure agreeably to the query, and for placing judgment according to discipline -

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2nd Mo: 25. 1842 - The Representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Samuel B. Chace and Caleb Paine - from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Arnold Congdon - who are present, except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was rendered -

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended -

The Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the Qy Meeting report the expense to have been \$34 $\frac{39}{100}$ - The Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the report -

The Committee to prepare a certificate for George F. Read presented the following which being approved the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf -

"To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends - George F. Read having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting — this is to inform that he is a member of this meeting, and upon inquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein" —

An extract from the minutes of Uxbridge Monthly meeting held 2mo: 28th 1842 was presented at this time expressing that the company and gospel labors of our friend Anna A. Jenkins had been acceptable and encouraging to them —

Smithfield preparative meeting inform that they have raised and forwarded to the Treasurer $75 —

We unite with the women in disowning Catharine J. Harris as a member of our religious Society —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3mo: 30 — 1842

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Jonathan Freeborn and Davis Metcalf — from Providence — Gilbert Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum — who are present

It appearing that our meeting house at Scituate requires some repairs, the Committee who have charge of that house with the addition of our friends Thomas Hastings and Allen Wing are requested to attend to it and report to this meeting —

We unite with the women in disowning Mary C. Bowen as a member of our religious Society —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 4mo: 27th 1842 — The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Smith and Caleb Paine — from Providence Arnold Congdon and Isaac Fisk — who are present except one —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the preparative meetings from which the following summary has been adopted which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Allen Wing, Joseph Metcalf and Gilbert

Congdon whom we appoint our Representatives —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasur of the Quarterly Meeting 235 dollars - the amount calle for in the 11th month last -

Providence preparative meeting inform that they have paid to the Treasurer 375 dollars -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opene in this meeting a prospect which had for some time rested on her mind to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York - After a time of solid consideration her concern was united with and the Clerk directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the womens' meeting - she being a minister in unity with us.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting in relation to our meeting house at Scituate made the following report viz.

"The Committee on the repairs of Scituate meetin house have examined the house and are of the opinion it will be best to shingle the roof and clapboard and paint the outside - and they think the expense will amount to about three hundred dollars, which they submit to the Monthly Meeting — — Thos. Hawkins
Providence 26th of 4th Mo: 1842 — for the Committee"

The Committee are requested to continue their attention to the subject and cause the house to be repaired as proposed and report to this meeting when the work is accomplished —

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the womens meeting addressed to Middleton Monthly meeting, Ohio, on behalf of Olive Arnold, certifying that she is a member of this meeting —

Answers to the Queries -

1. All our meetings for religious worship and disciplin have been attended and those on first days generally by most friends in a situation to attend - mid-week meetings more neglected by some - the hour nearly observed - a few instances of sleeping - of other unbecoming behaviour but little has been noticed -

2d. Love and Unity, we believe, are maintained among friends, with a few exceptions — and detraction generally guarded against — no differences come to our knowledge —

3 Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation — Mostly exemplary herein themselves We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends' families —

4th. Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query as far as appears —

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded — Their children partake of learning — none placed out —

6th. We believe friends are careful with one or two exceptions, as respects that query —

7th. We know of no breach of this query —

8th. Friends are generally careful, as far as appears, to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — and to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances —

9th. Careful as to Records — A few removals without certificates mostly under notice —

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and for placing judgment where it appears necessary according to Discipline —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo: 25th 1842 —

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine, James Dennis — from Providence Paul Coffin and Jona. L. Slocum who are present —

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended —

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute viz "The matter of Adam Anthony's appeal from the judgment of Providence Monthly Meeting referred to this meeting from our last, being under consideration, it was concluded to refer the subject to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting for its determination; and the Committee of Providence Monthly Meeting are requested to attend there and to give notice to the appellant of the conclusion of this meeting —

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo: 5th 1842

Arnold Congdon Clerk at this time" — and the Committee appointed to represent us before the Quarterly Meeting viz Thomas Harkness, Allen Wing, Arnold Congdon and Joseph Metcalf are requested to attend to the case accordingly —

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Swansey Monthly meeting in favour of Phebe Robinson — —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 6th mo: 29th 1842. The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf, James Dennis — from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Allen Wing — who are present —

We are informed through Smithfield preparative meeting that Jonathan Freeborn requests a removal certificate for himself and family to Rhode Island Mo: meeting — Gideon C. Smith and Arnold Congdon are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if nothing appears to prevent, prepare one and bring to our next meeting —

This meeting is informed through Providence preparative meetg. that James P. Dockray has appeared as one of the Military company for which he has been laboured with without the desired effect — whereupon we appoint Allen Wing, Samuel Austin and Turner Haskill a Committee to visit him on the account and report to our next meetg. —

We are also informed thro' Providence prep. meeting that Daniel W. Vaughn has appeared as one of a military company in two instances for which he has been ineffectually laboured with — Adams Comstock, Jonª L. Slocum and Gideon C. Smith are appointed to visit him on the account and report

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to our next meeting

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 4th mo last to attend the Yearly Meeting of New York with the information that she accomplished her visit to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind - She also presented a minute from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders stating that her company had been acceptable to them -

The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a certificate prepared in the women's meeting to Farmington monthly meeting, New York on behalf of Alma Bowen -

The following removal certificate on behalf of James Chace was with the unity of the women's meeting accepted viz. "To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Providence R. I. Dear Friends - James Chace having removed and settled within the limits of your meeting requested our certificate - This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society and by inquiry it does not appear but his temporal concerns are settled and he clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears - We therefore recommend him to your christian care and notice and are your friends -

Signed in and on behalf of Nine Partners monthly meeting held the 19th of 5th mo. 1842 by

John Thorne Clerk"

Isaac Thorne Correspondent -

This Meeting is informed through Providence preparative meeting that Peter Lunt requests a removal certificate to the Monthly Meeting of Hardshaw West, England - We appoint Arnold Congdon, Joseph Metcalf and Thomas Hoskins to make the necessary inquiry and if nothing prevents prepare one and present to our next meeting -

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo. 27th 1842 -

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskill and Nathan Buffinton from Providence George F. Read and Gilbert Congdon - who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned -

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the requisite answers from our preparative meetings from which the following have been adopted and directed to be forwarded for the information of our next Quarterly

Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Arnold Congdon and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint our Representatives

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate for Jonathan Freeborn and family to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting presented the following which was approved and the Clerk directed to sign it on our behalf viz. "To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends – Jonathan Freeborn and his children viz. Esther, Emily Read, Charles Scott, Eliza Almy and Benjamin having removed to live within your limits request a certificate – This is to inform that they are members of this meeting, and upon inquiry nothing appears but that Jonathans temporal concerns are settled to satisfaction, and he, with his family has been a diligent attender of our meetings and circumspect in life and conversation – Commending them to your christian care we remain your friends" –

The Committee in the case of James P. Dockray inform that they are not prepared to report at this time – they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting –

The Committee in the case of Daniel W. Vaughn inform that they have given attention to their appointment but are not yet prepared to report – they are continued in care of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate to Hardshaw west monthly meeting on behalf of Peter Lunt presented the following which was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk on our behalf viz

"To the Monthly Meeting of Hardshaw west England
Dear Friends – Peter Lunt has informed us that he is about to remove to live within your limits, and requests a certificate – This is to inform that he is a member of our Society, and diligent in the attendance of our meetings – Upon inquiry, nothing appears but that his temporal concerns are settled to satisfaction, and that he is clear of marriage engagements – Commending him to your christian care we are your friends" –

We have united with the womens meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Maria Haws and children –

Our preparative meetings are requested to nominate suitable friends to serve this meeting as overseers of Society and of the Poor - care takers of meeting houses, funerals and burying grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder - and Joseph Metcalf, Arnold Congdon and Nathan Buffinton are appointed to propose the names of friends for Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors to our next meeting - They are also requested to examine the Treasurer's Account and report the State of it -

Answers to the Queries

1- All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by most friends - the hour pretty well observed - very generally clear of unbecoming behaviour a few instances of sleeping excepted -

2- We believe love and unity are generally maintained among us - and detraction mostly guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge -

10- Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders in good measure agreeably to the query and for placing judgment according to Discipline -

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 8th Mo. 24th 1842. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Caleb Paine and Joseph Smith, - from Providence Thomas Harkness and Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

The committee to propose the names of officers for this Meeting made the following report - which after consideration was approved and the Friends therein named were appointed to the respective offices designated for the ensuing year

" The Committee appointed for that purpose propose
Jonathan L. Slocum for Clerk
James Dennis " Assistant.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Recorder
Thomas Harkness Treasurer
Reuben J. Peckham } Auditors
Turner Haskell & Gilbert Congdon }

They also report, that they have examined the Treasurers account and found a balance in his hands of $\$ 82\,^{5}/_{100}$; and also a balance of interest on account of the Rachel Thayer and Moses Brown School fund of $\$ 117.\,^{5}/_{100}$.

Prov. 8th Mo. 23d 1842.
Joseph Metcalf
Arnold Congdon
Nathan Buffinton

Our esteemed Friend Ruth Davis attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 5th Mo. 26th 1842, expressing their unity with her in her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed Friend Mary Shove attended this meeting as companion to Ruth Davis with a copy of a minute from Swanzey Monthly Meeting held 7th Mo. 25th 1842, expressing the unity of her Friends in her present engagement. - her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Reuben Varney proposed laying his intentions of marriage with Eliza Almy before this meeting - they accordingly appeared and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage: whereupon we appoint Arnold Congdon and Gideon C. Smith to make the necessary inquiry respecting his clearness to proceed therein, and report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of James P. Dockray made the following report, - which is accepted by the meeting, and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the womens meeting concurring therein.

The Committee appointed to visit James P. Dockray on account of a communication from the overseers concerning him, have given attention to that service. Though he manifested a regard for Friends, yet as he expressed no disapprobation of his recent course and appeared not to acknowledge its inconsistency, we apprehend that further labor in the case will be unavailing.*

Prov. 8th Mo. 24th 1842.
Allen Wing
Turner Haskell
Samuel Austin

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Nathan Parker.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends, Nathan Parker having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting is deserous of having our certificate. This is therefore to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society, of orderly life and conversation, and, while with us, diligent in the attendance of meetings and upon inquiry his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled. We commend him to your Christian care and are your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 4th Mo. 7th 1842.

William Reynolds, Clerk
Freelove Greene Clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting inform us that they all attended.

The Boarding School report was received and read at this time.- also a document from the Yearly Meeting addressed to subordinate meetings encouraging Friends to the faithful observance of our Christian Testimonies and practices, which has been acceptable to us.

This meeting was informed that there is now an opportunity to sell an unoccupied portion of the old meeting house lot in Scituate, separated by the road from the Burying ground. The overseers of Society, should they deem it best to do so, are authorized to sell and make a deed of conveyance of said land, and report to this meeting.

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*Thomas Harkness was appointed to inform James P. DocKray of his disownment and to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Daniel W. Vaugh made a report, which was accepted - the also presented a communication from him which was read, and after consideration the case was referred to our next Meeting

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Month 28th 1842, The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Nathan Buffinton and Davis Metcalf; from Providence Isaac Fisk and Thomas Chace

The committee appointed last month to inquire into Reuben Varney's clearness to proceed in marriage with Eliza Almy, reported that nothing appears to prevent him from proceeding therein - he having the consent of parents as appears by the following communication: viz.

Dover N.H. 9th Mo. 5th 1842

Dear Friends — This may inform that we consent for our son, Reuben Varney, to connect himself in marriage with Eliza Almy, a member of your meeting, with a fervent desire for their future welfare and happiness

Nathaniel Varney
Sarah Varney.

This meeting accordingly leaves him at liberty to to accomplish his intended marriage according to discipline; and we appoint Samuel B. Tobey and Reuben J. Peckham to attend it and extend the usual care in the case, present the certificate for record and report to our next meeting.

By a reference from last month the further consideration of the case of Daniel W. Vaughan claimed the attention of this meeting; and it was concluded to unite with the judgment of the committee in his case and restore him to membership, the womens meeting concurring therein. The following is the communication received from him and referred to in the minute of last month viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

In taking arms during the late unhappy difficulties I was aware that I should violate one of the testimonies of the Society of Friends; but being strongly opposed to the principles and practices of those who had attempted by violence to take possession of the State, and being almost constantly associated with ~~those~~ persons who entertained the opinion that the peace and safety, if not the lives of our citizens depended upon a military force, without much reflection upon the principles involved in such a course, I allowed myself to go into the ranks of a military company. Upon mature reflection, however, I have become fully satisfied that a resort to arms under any circumstances can not be justified by the doctrines and practices of Christ and his Apostles. - Having had my education in the society of which I am a member and feeling an undiminished attachment to it, I hope the offence may be overlooked by my Friends, and if it can consistently be so, that my right of membership may be continued

Daniel W. Vaughan

Providence 8th Mo 22nd 1842.

The report of the committee is as follows.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to visit Daniel W. Vaughan upon the complaint of the overseers report, that they have had two opportunities with him, during which he expressed to them in substance what he has communicated to the meeting. He seemed to regret the course he pursued in taking up arms, and appeared fully convinced that War under any circumstances is totally irreconcilable with Christianity. From the attachment he expressed for Friends and the desire that his offence might be overlooked, it is our judgment that it may be safe to retain him in membership.

Adam Comstock
Gideon C. Smith
Jonathan L. Slocum

Providence 8th Mo 24th 1842

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Nathan W. Jackson has appeared as a member of a military company, whereupon we appoint Allen Wing, Gilbert Congdon and Turner Haskill to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting.

Thomas Harkness informed this meeting that he had given James P. Dockray the required information

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposed the following names as officers of Society viz

Joseph Metcalf Joseph Smith	Overseers of Society
Ebenezer Metcalf Nathan Buffinton	Overseers of the Poor
Davis Metcalf Turner Haskell	Care-Takers of Meeting Houses and funerals at Cumberland
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith	" at Smithfield "
Charles Metcalf Robert Shove	Reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

and Providence Preparative Meeting proposed the following viz.

Elihu Bowen William Jenkins Arnold Congdon Allen Wing	Overseers of Society
Elihu Bowen Arnold Congdon Thomas Harkness	Overseers of the Poor.
Jonathan Congdon William Jenkins Arnold Congdon John Meader Thomas Harkness Samuel B. Tobey Jona. L. Slocum	Caretakers of Meeting house funerals &c at Providence
Elihu Bowen Isaac Fiske	" at Scituate
Isaac Fisk Daniel Robinson Thomas Chace	Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder.

which being satisfactory to the meeting they were appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year.

We have united with the womens meeting in receiving into membership Mary Ann Collins.

The Committee in the case of Daniel W. Vaugh were requested to inform him of the decision of this meeting in his case.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the womens meeting in favor of our esteemed friend Ruth Davis; also one in favor of our esteemed Friend Mary Shove.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Frien held at Smithfield the 26th of 10th Month 1842. The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Gideon C. Smith- from Providence, Jonathan Congdon and Thomas Harkness; who are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting together with the requisite answers, which we believe to be descriptive of our present state; and which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by Arnold Congdon Turner Haskill and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint our representatives

Our beloved friend John Meader at this time returned the certificate granted him in the 10th Mo. last, with the information that he had been favored to accomplish the weighty service he then had in prospect to the relief and comfort of his own mind- which has been truly satisfactory to us. He also presented minutes from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Westfield Quarterly Meeting White Water Quarterly Meeting, White Lick Quarterly Meeting, Western Quarterly Meeting, and New Garden Quarterly Meeting; also from Sprin borough Monthly Meeting, Miami Monthly Meeting, West Branch Monthly Meeting, Union Monthly Meeting, Mill Creek Monthly Meeting, Fairfield Monthly Meeting, and White Lick Monthly Meeting, expreſsing that his company had been satisfactory and his Gospel ministry sound and Edifying.

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Reuben Varney and Eliza Almy, reported that they attended to that service — that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner and that the certificate is recorded.

The Committee in the case of Nathan W. Jackson made the following report; which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society — the Women's meeting concurring therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the case of Nathan W. Jackson, on account of the complaint brought against him, report, that we have had an opportunity with him, and find that he justifies the course he has taken, and evinces no disposition to make Friends satisfaction — We think further labor with him will be unavailing.

Providence 10th No. 8th 1842.

Allen Wing
Turner Haskell
Gilbert Congdon

The following certificate in favor of Samuel Harris and wife was received and accepted — the women's meeting uniting therein. viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Samuel Harris and his wife Sarah, having removed to live within the limits of your meeting request our certificate — We therefore, certify on their behalf that while with us they were of orderly lives and conversation, diligent in the attendance of meetings and he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend them to your Christian care.

Signed by direction of Smithfield Monthly

Meeting held 29th of 9th Mo. 1842.

John Osborne }
Lydia R. Kelly } Clks.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Gilbert Congdon requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting. Allen Wing and Samuel Boyd Tobey are appointed to make the necessary inquiry, and if nothing appears to prevent, prepare a certificate on his behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey spread before this meeting a concern that had for some time rested with weight upon his mind to visit and appoint a few meetings within the limits of Sandwich, Salem and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings and also to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held at New Bedford. After deliberate consideration thereon his prospect was fully united with and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct - he being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us spread before this Meeting a concern that had for some time rested with weight upon her mind to attend some meetings within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and of appointing a few meetings among those not of our Society. After deliberate consideration, her prospect was fully united with and she left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may direct. The clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared in the womens meeting on her behalf.

Our esteemed friend Joseph Metcalf informed this meeting that he believed it would be right for him to accompany our friend Moses H. Beede in his proposed religious visit to Friends of Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings - with which this meeting unites, - he being an Elder in unity with us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Answers to the Queries

1st All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended generally by the greater part of Friends - the hour pretty well observed, - mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd Love and unity we believe to be generally maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against, - no differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in good measure agreeable to the query, and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 11th Month 23d 1842

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine and James Dennis: from Providence, John Meader and Allen Wing, who are present.

Our Esteemed Friend Edward Gove attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting held 6th Month 10th 1842 expressing the unity of his friends with his present religious engagement - his company has been acceptable to us

Our Esteemed Friend David Challis attended this meeting as companion to our friend Edward Gove with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting held 6th of 10th Month 1842 his company has been acceptable to us.

The committee to prepare a certificate for Gilbert Congdon presented the following, viz. which is satisfactory to the meeting and the

Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

To Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends. Gilbert Congdon having applied to this meeting for a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting; this is to certify that he is a member of our religious Society and on inquiry nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding in the accomplishment of his intentions.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Reuben Varney viz.

The overseers have to perform the sorrowful duty of making the Preparative Meeting acquainted with the wide departure of Reuben Varney from the practice our Christian [illegible] principles and discipline inculcate and from the path of moral rectitude, by using the name of an individual as endorser on promisory notes of hand payable on time-drawn by the business concern of which he was one of the partners- which he negotiated and for which he has wrongfully received sums of money. The truth of these allegations he acknowledged in the presence of one of the overseers and of the individual whose name he had this used- all of which it is our united judgment requires the prompt action of the Monthly Meeting in testifying against him on account of his very reprehensible conduct.

Providence 11th Mo. 17th 1842.

William Jenkins }
Arnold Congdon } Over
Allen Wing }

-which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society- the womens meeting uniting therein.

Allen Wing is appointed to give him the necessary information and report when accomplished.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting presented the following account contained in the subjoined communication — The overseers of the Poor presented to this meeting an account of 69 $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars which they had expended in Boarding, clothing and medical attendance of Elizabeth M^c Cornell, whose support is considered by this meeting to belong to Providence Monthly Meeting, she having become nessitous immediately on the receit of a certificate from said Meeting in her favor in the 3^d Month 1841.

Extracted from the minutes of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 31st of 3^d Mo. 1842 John Osborne, Clerk.

which is allowed and the clerk is directed to certify its acceptance.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute* by which it appears that 258 $^{50}/_{100}$ dollars are wanted for that meetings use. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise 650 dollars for the above purpose and for this meeting's use and pay it to our Treasurer.

Our Friend Joseph Metcalf returned at this time the minute granted him last month, and presented minutes from Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings and Western Quarterly Meeting, North Carolina, expressing that his company and solid deportment had been satisfactory to them.

The Committee in the case of Nathan W. Jackson reported that they had informed him of the decision of this meeting in his case.

* At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset the 3^d of 10^th Mo. 1842.

It is concluded to raise for this Meeting's use 550 dollars which our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer in the usual proportions. Providence Monthly Meeting's proportion is 258 $\frac{50}{100}$.

Extracted from the minutes.

David Buffum, Clk.

The Committee in the case of Daniel W. Vaughan have given him the necassay information in his case.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 12th Month 28th 1842

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are from Smithfield Nathan Buffinton and Jacob Metcalf - from Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey and Thomas Harkness who are present.

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Clapp attended this meeting with a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting held 11th Mo. 25th 1842 expressing the unity of his friends with his present religious engagement - he has also attended most of the particular Meetings composing this Meeting:- his company and religious Services have been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The following communication was received from the Quarterly Meeting viz.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th Mo. 3d 1842. The committee appointed by Providence Monthly Meeting to represent them in the case of Adam Anthony's appeal, and request by this meeting to attend to the subject at the Yearly Meeting reported as follows.

'The Committee appointed by Providence Monthly Meeting to represent to the Quarterly Meeting the case of Adam Anthony's and by the Quarterly Meeting directed to attend the Yearly Meeting for that purpose report: that they attended to the service, and that the Yearly Meeting confirmed the judgment of Providence Monthly Meeting therein.

Somerset 11th Mo. 3d 1842. On behalf of the committe
Allen Wing.

-which is accepted and the clerk is directed to furnish Providence Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute — David Buffum, Clerk

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Calvin Shove and family viz.
To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends — Calvin Shove having removed with his wife Sarah G. Shove and their children William S. and Mary Ann Shove, minors, within the limits of your meeting; This is to certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious Society and on inquiry it appears they have settled their pecuniary affairs to satisfaction, as such we recommend them to your Christian care.
Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 25th of 8th Month 1842

John Osborne } Clerks.
Lydia R Kelly }

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 10th Mo. with the information that she had been strengthened to accomplish the service for which she was liberated to the peace and comfort of her own mind — she also presented minutes from Sandwich Monthly and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting expressing that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in the 10th Month with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish all the service he had in prospect to the relief of his own mind. — he presented a minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company and religious services had been acceptable to them.

We have united with the women's meeting in in accepting a removal certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting in favor of Martha Barker.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 25th 1843. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine and James Dennis - from Providence Isaac Fisk and Arnold Congdon, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from our Preparative Meetings from which a selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Meader, Joseph Metcalf and Jonathan L. Slocum whom we appoint our representatives.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform they have paid to our Treasurer One Hundred and Eight and 33/100 dollars.

We have united with the womens meeting in disowning Mary Ann Howland as a member of our religious Society.

We appoint Reuben J. Peckham, Thomas Harkness and Daniel Robinson to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and requested to report to our next Meeting.

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and most of them by Friends generally in a situation to attend, the hour nearly observed, a few instances of sleeping - of other unbecoming behavior generally clear.

2nd. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction pretty well guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good measure agreeably to the query and to place judgment when necessary according to our discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Month 22nd 1843. — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Joseph Smith — from Providence Gilbert Congdon and Joseph W. Aldrich, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the expense to have been Twenty Three Dollars and Twenty Five Cents $23 25/100, which report is accepted by the Meeting and the clerk is directed its acceptance.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that George F. Read wishes a removal certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting, whereupon we appoint Allen Wing and Arnold Congdon to make the necessary inquiry, and if nothing appears to prevent prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Our Esteemed friend John Meader opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time accompanied his mind of visiting some of the meetings composing Salem Monthly Meeting and of appointing one or two meetings within its limits: with which this meeting unites, and he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may direct.

We have united with the Women's meeting in disowning Eunice Haskill as a member of our religious Society.

The London General Epistle for last year was received and read at this time — it has been satisfactory and comfortable to us.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 29th 1843. — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Davis Metcalf — from Providence Jona. Congdon and Thomas Chace who are present.

The following communication concerning Daniel A. Jackson was received through Providence Preparative Meeting; viz:

To Providence Preparative Meeting
Daniel A. Jackson having for some time neglected the attendance of our meetings, and his conduct and deportment not being consistent in other respects we think it proper to acquaint the monthly Meeting with his case.

William Jenkins }
Prov. 3d Mo. 22nd 1843. Arnold Congdon } Overse

whereupon we appoint Gideon C. Smith and Thomas Harkness to visit him on the account and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Emma Wadsworth as a member of our religious society

The Committee to prepare a removal certifica for George F. Read presented the following wich the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf: viz.

To Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends. — George F. Read having informed this meeting of his intention to remove to live within your limits and requesting our certificate — this is to inform you that he is a member of this meeting of an orderly life and conversation, deligent in the attendance of our meetings, and upon inquiry nothing appears but that his temporal concerns are satisfactorily settled — commending him to your Christian care we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 29th of 3d Mo. 1843

Jona. L. Slocum Clerk.

Our beloved Friend Anna A. Jenkins, a minister in unity and good esteem with us, informed this meeting that she had been enabled through Divine assistance in pursuance of a prospect as spread before us in the 3d month 1841, to attend the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland and to perform such other religious service as appeared at that time to be required of her, and that she had been favored to return in safety to her family and Friends with the reward of peace.

She presented the following certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland wich together with the above information has been very satisfactory to us.

Our dear friend also informed this meeting in a weighty manner that she believed it to be required of her in the love of the Gospel again to pay a religious visit to Friend and others in Great Britain and Ireland and in some places upon the European Continent; and as her mind may be drawn to the service and way open for it to appoint meetings with those among whom her lot may be cast.

After a time of solid consederation much unity and sympathy were expressed with her in this religious engagement and she was left at liberty to pursue the prospect as Truth may direct.

We appoint John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey Arnold Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum to unite with a similar committee of women Friends and prepare a certificate embracing her concern and present it to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins, to whom you granted certificates liberating her for the performance of a religious visit in these parts, having attended our Yearly Meeting and being now about to depart for England in the prosecution of the service to which She believes herself called:-

we certify on her behalf that her company at this meeting has been truly acceptable to us;- that we have full unity with her Gospel labors:- and that her Solid deportment has been instructive and edifying. - We desire to commend her to the continued preservation of the Good Shepherd who putteth forth his own and goeth before them;- and are with the Salutations of love your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 23d of 4th Mo. 1842 and by adjournment on the 30th of the same.

Joseph Bewly
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 26th 1843. - The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Samuel B. Chace and Turner Haskell - from Providence Allen Wing and Arnold Congdon, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from our Preparative Meetings from which the following Selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Arnold Congdon and Davis Metcalf whom we appoint our representatives

Our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of the sum directed to be raised in the 11th Mo. last

Providence Preparative Meeting inform they have paid to our Treasurer Five Hundred Forty two dollars

The Committee in the case of Daniel W. Jackson inform that they have given attention to the subject but are not ready to report - they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee to unite with a similar one of women friends to prepare a certificate for our friend Anna A. Jenkins, presented the following; which is satisfactory to the Meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf:- and such other friends as are present are at liberty to affix their signatures to it.

To Friends within the limits of London and Ireland Yearly Meetings. — Dear Friends — Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins a minister in unity and good esteem with us informed this meeting that she had been favored through the extension of Divine help in pursuance of a prospect as expressed in a certificate granted her by us in the 4th mo. 1841, to attend the Yearly Meetings of Ireland and London last year and also to perform such other religious service as she believed to be required of her at that time - and was then permitted and enabled to return in safety to her family and friends with the reward of peace.

Our dear friend now communicated to this meeting in a weighty and impressive manner, her belief that it was required of her by the Holy Head of the Church to stand resigned again to leave her home and cross the Ocean to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel, as way may open for it to Friends and others in Great Britain and Ireland and also at some places upon the continent of Europe, and to appoint meetings as her mind may be drawn to that service in the course of this religious engagement.- We were introduced into tender sympathy with our dear friend in this concern; and after a time of deliberate and solid consideration, she was liberated with the full and cordial unity of this meeting to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct

In being again called upon to resign our beloved sister to the requirements of her Divine Master in the discharge of her religious duty in a distant land we believe it right for us to say that in her ministry she is sound in word and droctrine and that her life and conversation are consistent with our Christian profession.- We would renewedly commend her to the kind attention and regard of those among whom her lot may be cast, fervently desiring that

He who putteth forth his own and goeth before them may be mercifully pleased to extend to her from day to day his sustaining and preserving presence and enable her when this weighty service shall have been accomplished to return in safety to her family and Friends with the reward of Peace.

Signed in and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield in the State of Rhode Island - North America 4th Mo. 26th 1843

Jonathan L. Slocum } Clerks
Sarah Fry Tobey }

William Jenkins
Elisha Bowen
Joseph Metcalf
Allen Wing
Caleb Paine
Jonathan Congdon
Ebenezer Metcalf
John Meader
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Davis Metcalf
Thomas Chace

Reuben J. Peckham
James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith
Joseph Smith
Thomas Harkness
Caleb M. Paine
Turner Haskell
~~Reuben J. Peckham~~
Arnold Congdon
Gilbert Congdon
Mary R. Congdon
Mary A Collins

Elizabeth Meader
Elizabeth Congdon
Lydia C. Smith
Olive Wing
Elizabeth Smith
Hannah C. Robinson
Eunice Metcalf
Lydia Congdon
Phebe G. Peckham
Huldah A. Meader
Mary R. Buffinton
Mary W. Smith
Asenath Buffinton

We have received the following communication from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting concerning Charles Hadwen - We appoint Allen Wing and Turner Haskell to give the necessary attention to the case and report their judgment thereon to our next meeting-

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

Charles Hadwen, formerly a member of your meeting and who lost his right of membership while residing within your limits, has reques- to be again united to our Society. This meeting has concluded to receive him into membership with us, if there should be no objection from your meeting.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 31st 1843. by

Effingham L. Capron, - Clerk

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Elizabeth Jackson as a member of our religious Society

Answers to the Queries

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended and generally by most Friends, except those in the middle of the week, which have not been so well attended by all our members - the hour with a few exceptions has been nearly observed - generally clear of ~~Sleeping~~ and of other unbecoming behaviour therein, a few instances of the former, and individual instances of the latter excepted.

2nd Love and Unity are maintained with a few exceptions, - detraction guarded against by most Friends; no differences have come to our Knowledg

3d Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness ~~&~~ and to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and corrupt conversation, and are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves; - the Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families.

4th We believe friends are careful in the use of Spiritous liquors except for medicine and to observe the other requisitions of this Query.

5th The circumstances of the Poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved, - their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business; - we believe none are placed from among Friends.

6th Friends appear careful with a few exceptions that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th Friends have been careful on these accounts excepting their have been a few instances of our young members bearing arms. The necessary care has been extended

8th We believe Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Careful as to records,- a few removals without certificates;- some care taken.

10th Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders agreeably to the query, and for placing judgment according to discipline.—

Our Beloved friend John Meader spread before this meeting a concern that had for some time rested on his mind of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York. After deliberate consideration his prospect was fully united with; and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 24th 1843 — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, James Dennis, and Caleb M. Paine;- from Providence Elihu Bowen and Gilbert Congdon; who are present.

The representatives to ~~attend~~ the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Daniel A. Jackson made the following report, viz:

To the Monthly Meeting — We your committee appointed to visit Daniel A. Jackson on account of the complaint of the overseers, report: We have visited him on the account; he treated us respectfully, but did not manifest any desire to remain a member of our religious society It is our judgment, that further labor will not be useful. Providence 5th Mo. 25th - 1843. Gideon C. Smith, Thomas Hackne which is accepted, and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the women's meeting concurring therein. Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of his disownment, and requested to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of the communication from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting concerning Charles Hadwen, made the following report, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends— The Committee appointed in the case of Charles Hadwen— report: that we find no objection to his being received into membership by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, except from one friend, who is willing to submit to the judgment of the Monthly Meeting. Providence 5th Mo 24 1843. Allen Wing, Turner Haskell; which is accepted, and Uxbridge Monthly Meeting is accordingly at liberty to exercise its judgment in the case; and the clerk is directed to inform that meeting of our conclusion.

The Committee appointed in the 3d Mo. 1842. to cause some repairs to be made upon our meeting house at Scituate, made the following report, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting— The Committee appointed to make repairs upon the meeting house at Scituate, report; attention to that service; and the expense amounts to Two Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars and Three cents.

Providence 23d of 5th Mo. 1843.

Allen Wing, Thomas Harkness— which is accepted, and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the committee the sum thus expended

The following communication from Smithfield Monthly Meeting concerning Elizabeth M. Cornell was received, and our Treasurer was directed to pay the sum therein named to such person as that Meeting may authorize to receive it, and the clerk was directed to give that Meeting this information.

In the annual report of the overseers of the poor, they inform the Meeting that Seventy Seven Dollars and fifteen cents has been expended for the support of Elizabeth M. Cornell commencing 12th of 3d Mo. 1842, and ending

26th of 3d Mo. 1843. The clerk is directed to communicate a copy of this minute to Providence Monthly Meeting - she being considered their member to support. Extracted from the minutes of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 27th of 4th Mo. 1843. John Osborne, Clerk -

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 28th 1843. - The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence William Jenkins and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present.

Gilbert Congdon who was appointed at our last meeting to inform Daniel A. Jackson of the decision of this meeting in his case, reported that he had given him that information.

We have received the following removal certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of Harvey Chace and family; the Women's Meeting concurring therein

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends - Harvey Chace and Anna E. Chace, his wife, together with their children James H. and Jonathan Chace - both minors - having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, request our certificate: These are therefore to certify that they are members of our religious Society, of orderly lives and conversation; that they were diligent in the attendance of our meetings, and that their temporal concerns are adjusted to satisfaction. As such we recommend them to your attention.

Signed on behalf of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset 5th mo. 29th 1843.

Thomas Wilbur, Clk.
Laura L. Chace, Clk. for the da

We have united with the Women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Baltimore Monthly Meeting in favor of Mary R. Congdon.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 4th Month; and informed us that he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then had in prospect to the satisfaction and comfort of his own mind. He also presented a copy of a minute of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New York the 27th and 31st of the 5th month, stating that his company had been acceptable to them at their Yearly Meeting - which information is satisfactory to us

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 26th 1843. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, - from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Nathan Buffinton; from Providence, Isaac Fisk and Paul Coffin; who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from the Preparative Meetings from which a selection has been made, which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting. by our friends John Meader, Joseph Metcalf and Turner Haskell, whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey a minister in unity with us spread before this meeting a prospect that had, for a considerable time rested with weight upon his mind of visiting in Gospel love, the Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth, Vassalborough, Dover and Fairfield of attending, as ~~way~~ his mind may be drawn to it, and way open for some of the meetings constituting them, and of appointing some meetings among Friends and others. After a time of solid consideration thereon, his prospect was fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct - and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a prospect which had for several years rested with weight upon her mind, and increasingly so of latter time of attending in Gospel love North-Carolina Yearly Meeting, and as her mind may be drawn to the service and way open for it, of attending some of the meetings composing it, and of appointing a few meetings among Friends and others on her way going and returning. Her prospect as thus opened to us, was fully united with; and the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared for her in the Women's Meeting.

We appoint Allen Wing, Gilbert Congdon and Gideon C. Smith to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors; and they are requested to examine the Treasurers account and report the state of it. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society - of the Poor Care-Takers of Meeting Houses, funerals and Burying Grounds, and Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Allen Wing, Joseph Metcalf and Wm. Jenkins are appointed a committee with whom our friend Samuel Boyd Tobey may advise upon any subjects connected with his contemplated religious visit.

Answers to the Queries

1 All our meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, and generally by the greater part of Friends, though they are much neglected by a few: The hour observed no unbecoming behavior except a few instances of Sleeping

2 Love and Unity in good degree maintained and Detraction generally guarded against; no differences have come to our Knowledge

3 Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in good measure conformably to the Query, and to place judgment according to Discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 30th 1843. — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and Joseph Smith, — from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as clerks, treasurer, auditors, and recorder, &c. made the following report viz: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — We, the committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and to bring forward ~~the~~ names for officers, report: — that we have settled the Treasurer's account, and find a balance of Eighty Two dollars and Fifty Five cents in his hands; and One Hundred Forty Eight dollars and Seventy Eight cents of the School Fund — We propose Thomas Harkness for Treasurer, Jonathan L. Slocum for clerk, James Dennis for assistant clerk, Gilbert Congdon and Reuben J. Peckham for auditors, and Samuel Boyd Tobey for recorder. Allen Wing,
Gilbert Congdon,
Gideon C. Smith —

which being satisfactory to the meeting, the friends therein named are appointed to the several offices designated.

The following communication was received through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Collins Chace, viz: To Providence Preparative Meeting — We have to inform that Collins Chace has connected himself in marriage with a member of this meeting out of the good order of our Society
Allen Wing } Overs.
Arnold Congdon }

— whereupon we appoint Turner Haskell, Caleb Paine and Davis Metcalf to visit him on the account and report their judgment in the case to our next Meeting.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf removal certificates to Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Elizabeth Barker, Eliza Barker, and Martha Barker

This meeting was informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Samuel Austin requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting. We appoint Arnold Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum to make the necessary inquiry; and if nothing appears to prevent, prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next Meeting

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of William A. Robinson and family the women's meeting uniting therein: viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting — Dear Friends, William A. Robinson, with his wife Dorcas B. and their minor children Mary A. Jun., James, Edward H., Caroline, Anne A. and William A. Jun. to live within the limits of your Meeting; requests our certificate. These are to certify on their behalf that they are members of our Society, diligent in the attendance of meetings while with us, and careful to take their children with them. The necessary care being taken, their temporal affairs appear to be left to satisfaction. We recommend them to your care and attention, with desires for their preservation and growth in the Truth, and are your friends. Signed in and by direction of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th Mo. 31st 1843.

Perez Peck }
Freelove Greene } Clerks.

We have received at this time through the Quarterly Meeting copies of the Boarding School report, one of which has been read in this meeting.

We have also received through the Quarterly Meeting a sufficient number of copies for each family of a document entitled an Essay upon some of the Prominent Doctrines and Testimonies of Friends.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that all attended.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo 27th 1843. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Welcome A. Greene; - from Providence Jonathan Congdon and Thomas Chace, who are present.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to visit Collins Chace on account of the complaint of the Overseers informed that they had given attention to the subject but were not ready fully to report - they are continued in care of the case, and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Samuel Austin, presented the following; which is approved and the assistant Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends - Samuel Austin having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting; - this is to inform you that he is a member of this meeting, and, upon inquiry, nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding therein.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect that had for some time rested upon her mind, of ~~paying~~ attending New Bedford Monthly Meeting and the approaching Quarterly Meeting to be held at Sandwich and as way may open for it of visiting a few meetings within its limits. Her concern claimed our deliberate consideration and was fully united with, and she left at liberty to attend to it as Truth may direct. The assistant Clerk was directed to sign a minute prepared in the Women's Meeting on her behalf

Smithfield Preparative Meeting propose the following names as officers of Society: viz

Joseph Smith } Overseers of Society
Joseph Metcalf }
Caleb Paine } " " Poor
Gideon C. Smith }
Davis Metcalf } Care-takers of Meeting
Turner Haskell } Houses, Funerals &c at Cumberland
James Dennis } " " " "
Gideon C. Smith } " " " Smithfield

Robert Shove	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.
Charles Metcalf	

And Providence Preparative Meeting propose the following; viz.

Elihu Bowen	Overseers of Society
William Jenkins	
Arnold Congdon	
Allen Wing	
Elihu Bowen	" " the Poor
Arnold Congdon	
Thomas Harkness	
Jonathan Congdon	Care-Takers of Meeting Houses Funerals &c. at Providence
William Jenkins	
Arnold Congdon	
John Meader	
Thomas Harkness	
Samuel Boyd Tobey	
Jonathan L. Slocum	
Elihu Bowen	" " " Scituate
Isaac Fisk	
Isaac Fisk	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder
Daniel Robinson	
Thomas Chace	

Which being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to the offices designated, for the ensuing year.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 25th 1843. - The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Joseph Smith: - from Providence William A. Robinson and Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

Our beloved friend Eli Jones attended this meeting with a certificate from China Monthly Meeting held 8th Mo. 15th 1843, and endorsed by Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting held 9th Mo. 8th 1843, expressing their unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. his company has been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Smily attended this meeting as companion to our friend Eli Jones with a copy of a minute from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with his present engagement. - his company has been acceptable to us, and the clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the Preparative Meetings from which a selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf William Jenkins, and Gilbert Congdon whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee in the case of Collins Chase informed the meeting that they had given further attention to the subject, but were not ready to make a full report; they were continued with the addition of Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, in care of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

Our friend Anna A. Jenkins returned at this time the minute granted her at our last meeting with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect to the relief and comfort of her own mind. She also presented minutes from New Bedford and Sandwich Monthly Meetings and from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting~~s~~ expressing that her company and religious services had been satisfactory to them, which has been satisfactory to us.

The following communication was received through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Daniel W. Vaughan: viz

To Providence Preparative Meeting. — We have to inform that Daniel W. Vaughan has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us. Allen Wing.
Providence 10th Mo 19th 1843. William Jenkins.

- Whereupon we appoint Allen Wing, Gideon C. Smith and Gilbert Congdon to visit him on the account and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries

1 All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; those on the first day of the week by most Friends; mid-week meetings not so fully attended: the hour pretty well observed mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2 Love and unity generally pretty well maintained, detraction mostly guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

10 Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders, we trust in good measure agreeably to the query, and for placing judgment according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 29th 1843. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith; — from Providence, Allen Wing and Arnold Congdon, who are present.

The committee in the case of Collins Chase, were not ready to report; — they were continued and desired to report to our next meeting

The committee in the case of Daniel W. Vaughan made the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society, the women's meeting uniting therein. Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case, and desired to report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
The committee ~~in the case~~ appointed in the case of Daniel W. Vaughan on account of the complaint of the overseers, report; that we have had an interview with him; in which he did not evince a disposition to make Friends the satisfaction desirable; and we believe further labor will not be useful in his case.

Prov. 11th Mo. 29th 1843 —

Allen Wing
Gideon C. Smith
Gilbert Congdon

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that in consequence of indisposition and the severity of the storm two of their number did not attend

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Month 27th 1843. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Caleb Paine and Joseph Smith; from Providence William A. Robinson and Isaac Fisk two of whom were present; - for the absence of one of the others a satisfactory reason was given.

The Committee in the case of Collins Chace informed the meeting that they had given further attention to the Subject, but that they were not ready to report; - they were continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The friend appointed at our last meeting to inform Daniel W. Vaughan of the decision of this meeting in his case, reported that he had given him that information.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Stephen Brooks, viz. We have to inform the Preparative Meeting that Stephen Brooks has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us.

William Jenkins } Ov
Providence 12th Mo 21st 1843 - Arnold Congdon }

Whereupon we appoint Allen Wing and Gideon C. Smith to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Amasa C. Robinson, viz. - We have to inform that Amasa C. Robinson has left the attendance of our meetings and submitted to Water Baptism notwithstanding considerable previous labor had been bestowed

Allen Wing } Overseers
Providence 12th Mo. 21st 1843. Arnold Congdon }

Whereupon we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, James Dennis and Caleb M. Paine to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting.

We have ~~received~~ accepted the following removal certificate from Windham Monthly Meeting in favor of Nathan Stevens the women's meeting uniting therein

"To Providence Monthly of Friends - Nathan Stevens having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify that he is a member of this meeting and a frequent attender thereof whilst with us and his outward affairs are settled as far as we know he is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears; as such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight.

By direction and on behalf of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Windham 26th of 8th Mo. 1843.

Oliver Pope } Clerks.
Sarah W. Pope }

Our beloved friend John Meader, a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect that had for some time rested upon his mind of attending Dover Quarterly Meeting and of appointing some meetings among Friends and others within its limits. After deliberate consideration, his prospect was fully united with and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct. The clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in the 7th Mo. last, with the information that the religious service he there had in prospect had been accomplished to the relief and peace of his mind. He also produced copies of minutes from Dover Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and from Falmouth, Fairfield and Vassalborough Quarterly Meetings expressing that his company and Gospel labors had been satisfactory to them. This information has been satisfactory to us.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 24th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskill and James Dennis — from Providence, Allen Wing and Samuel Austin who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from the Preparative meetings from which a selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Metcalf, Turner Haskill and Arnold Congdon whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend Daniel Clapp attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of his friends in his present religious engagement; his company and religious service have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Anna D. Wing attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of her friends in her present religious engagement; - her company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

The committee in the case of Collins Chace informed the meeting of their continued attention to the case, but that they were not ready to make a conclusive report; they are continued in care of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Stephen Brooks presented the following report and acknowledgement, which are accepted; and we accordingly restore him to membership, the womens meeting uniting therein. Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting in his case. * For Stephen Brooks' communication see next page.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 7th Month last, and informed us that she had been inabled to accomplish the religious service she then had in prospect to the relief and peace of her mind -She also presented extracts from the minutes of Deep River Monthly Western Quarterly and North Carolina Yearly Meeting expressing that her company and Gospel labors among them had been satisfactory and edifying. This information is satisfactory to us.

We appoint Gilbert Congdon Reuben J. Peckham and Daniel Robinson to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense to our next meeting

The Committee in the case of Amasa C. Robinson made the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly disown him from membership in our religious Society the womens meeting uniting therein. Thomas Chace is appointed to inform him of this decision.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting."

Dear Friends, - We, your Committee to visit Amasa C. Robinson on account of a communication from the overseers, report: that we have attended to our appointment, and had an interview with him, in which we endeavored to discharge what we apprehended to be our duty in the case; but as he expressed that he felt satisfied with the course he had pursued, it is our judgment that further labor will not be useful."

James Dennis
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Prov. 1st Mo. 20th 1844. Caleb M. Paine

* Providence 1st Mo. 22nd 1844
To Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Although I have deviated from the good order of Society by uniting myself in marriage with one not in membership with Friends, I hope they will pass by my transgression and restore me to the privileges of Society; and I hope my future conduct will prove satisfactory to Friends.

Stephen Brooks.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; those on first days by most of our members: mid-week meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some: the hour observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd Love and Unity are generally maintained; but we fear not without exception: detraction generally guarded against: no differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends manifest a good degree of care to deal with offenders as queried, and for placing judgment according to discipline.

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving into membership Esther Smith, wife of Silas Smith.

* To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Agreeably to appointment we have visited Stephen Brooks on the complaint of the overseers: he manifested a warm attachment to our religious Society and presented the accompanying acknowledgement; and it is our judgment that it may be safe to continue him a member, which we submit to the meeting.

Providence 1st Mo. 22nd 1844.
Allen Wing
Gideon C. Smith

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 28th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and Joseph Smith; — from Providence, Gilbert Congdon and Thomas Harkness, who are present except one.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Isaac C. Kenyon, a member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting proposes to lay his intentions of marriage with Mary Ann Collins. The parties accordingly appeared and declared their said intentions and were requested to wait till our next meeting for an answer.

The committee in the case of Collins Chace informed the meeting that they had given further attention to that subject, but were not ready to make a final report. They are continued, and desired to report to our next meeting

Gilbert Congdon informed the meeting that he had given Stephen Brooks the necessary information in his case.

This Meeting is informed that the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting all attended to that service

The following minute was received from the Quarterly Meeting viz: "At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence the 1st of 2nd Mo. 1844 It is concluded to raise Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars for this meeting's use the present year. Providence Meeting's proportion as agreed upon at this time is Two Hundred and Eleven 5/100 dollars; which it is requested to pay to our Treasurer.

On behalf of the meeting,

David Buffum, Clerk.

It is concluded to raise Four Hundred Dollars for the above purpose and for this meeting's use; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of that sum and report when accomplished.

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Thomas E. Steere.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Providence Rhode Island, Dear Friends, Thomas E. Steere having requested our Certificate to your meeting; this is to certify that the necessary inquiry has been made, and no obstruction appears. We, therefore, recommend him as a member of our religious Society to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Chesterfield Monthly

Meeting of Friends, New Jersey, held 2d Mo. 6d 1844

Jacob Satterthwait, Correspont. Samuel Allison Jr. Clerk

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a copy of a minute to Sandwich Monthly Meeting in favor of our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing

Thomas Chace informed the meeting that he had given Amasa C. Robinson the necessary information in his case.

The Committee to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the expense to have been 34 Dollars and 69 cents which is satisfactory to this meeting and the clerk is directed to certify the same.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 27d 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, William Jenkins and Samuel Austin, who are present except one.

The committee in the case of Collins Chace informed the meeting that they are not yet ready to report; they are continued in care of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

Isaac C. Kenyon, presented the following certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting. He also presented the following communication from his surviving parent: Whereupon he is left at liberty to accomplish his proposed marriage according to the order of our Society. And we appoint Reuben J. Peckham and Jonathan L. Slocum to extend the usual care in the case and present the certificate for record.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

This meeting is informed that Isaac C. Kenyon is desirous of having a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with Mary Ann

V .56 Collins, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting
Therefore this may certify that he is a member
of our Monthly Meeting, and on inquiry is
clear of marriage engagements amongst us.

Extracted from the minutes of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Cranston 3d mo. 4th 1844.

Perez Peck, Clerk.

This is to inform Providence Monthly Meeting that I give my consent for my son Isaac C. Kenyon to unite in marriage with Mary Ann Collins.

Thankful Kenyon.

The committee appointed in the 1st mo. 1842 to take into consideration the accommodation afforded by our meeting house in Providence both for the Quarterly Meeting and also for meetings for worship, made the following report; which is accepted: and we appoint Thomas Harkness, William Jenkins, James Dennis, Welcome Congdon, William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Arnold Congdon, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf and Allen Wing, to consider whether the present house had better be repaired or a new one erected, and to proceed to carry their conclusion into effect if way should open for it, in the manner proposed as soon as is practicable: and Friends are authorized to hold their meetings as proposed in the report of the committee, - the women's meeting uniting therein.

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed in the 1st mo. 1842 to make inquiry and report what means it is proper to adopt in relation to the accommodation afforded by our meeting house in Providence both for the Quarterly Meeting and for public meetings report; that the subject early claimed their attention, but owing to the peculiar state of the times in various respects; they did not deem it expedient to propose to the meeting any action at that time. They would now propose that the present meeting house should be enlarged to the extent of about six feet in the width of the house with a porch in front; or that a new house should be erected of similar dimensions, provided the necessary funds can be raised by a free subsciption from Friends that may be applied to by the committee that may be entrusted with the care of the subject by the Monthly Meeting. They would also suggest that if the work be proceeded in, while it is progressing, liberty be granted for holding the first day meetings in Providence at the Boarding School House, - if the School Committee assent thereto - and that the mid-week meetings be held at the same place on fourth, instead of fifth day as at present.

On behalf of the committee
Providence 3d Mo. 26th 1844.
Jonathan Congdon
William Jenkins

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 12th Month last, with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then had in prospect to the relief of his mind. He also presented an extract from the minutes of Dover Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company and Gospel labor had been acceptable to them: which is satisfactory to us.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 24th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskill and James Dennis: from Providence Allen Wing and Samuel Boyd Tobey, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the Preparative Meetings from which a summary has been adopted which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Mellet

-calf, Allen Wing and Gilbert Congdon whom we appoint our representatives.

We have directed our Treasurer to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer 211 dollars and 50 cents, the amount called for in the 2nd month.

This Meeting having granted permission for the erection of a new Meeting house in Providence we would request that our Monthly Meetings may be held at Smithfield until the house which is now building is completed.

The committee in the case of Collins Chace made the following report, which is accepted, and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society - the Women's Meeting uniting therein. Jonathan Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting in his case, and he is desired to report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
Dear Friends, - We, your committee to visit Collins Chace, report: that we have attended to our appointment. He treated us respectfully and expressed a desire to be retained a member; but his conduct not corresponding thereto, it is our judgment that further labor in the case will not be useful

Caleb Paine
Turner Haskell
Smithfield 4th Mo. 24th 1844. Davis Metcalf
Joseph Metcalf
James Dennis

The committee to attend the marriage of Isaac C. Kenyon and Mary Ann Collins, made the following report which is accepted.

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Isaac C. Kenyon and Mary Ann Collins, report: that they attended to that service, and that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner; the certificate has been delivered to the recorder.

Providence 4th Mo 23d 1844 Reuben J. Peckham
Jonathan L. Slocum.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that they have directed to be paid to our Treasurer Sixty Six Dollars.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in disowning Francis Butler - late Wilkinson - as a member of our religious Society.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, though much neglected by a few especially those in the middle of the week: the hour observed; mostly clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd We believe Love and Unity to be maintained with a few exceptions and detraction guarded against by nearly all: when differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them.

3d Friends generally appear careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation, and are pretty good examples therein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th We believe Friends are generally careful as to the several parts of this query, though not without exceptions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved; their Children freely partake of learning: none placed out to our Knowledge.

6th We believe Friends are generally careful on these accounts.

7th We believe Friends endeavor faithfully to maintain our testimony as named in the several parts of this query.

8th Friends are careful, but not without exception to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts to be punctual in their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Friends are careful as to records; some removals without certificates, in which cases some care has been taken.

10th Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders in good measure agreeably to the query and for placing judgment according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 29th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Caleb M. Paine and Joseph Smith: from Providence William Jenkins and Allen Wing, who are present.

Our beloved friend Jared Patterson of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana attended this meeting and produced satisfactory certificates of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and Gospel Labors have been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Josiah Morris companion to our friend Jared Patterson attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute from Milford Monthly Meeting, Indiana, expressing the unity of his friends with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended; and that the Quarterly Meeting approves of the erection of a new Meeting House in Providence, and granted permission for the holding of this meeting at Smithfield until it is completed.

Jonathan Congdon informed the meeting that Collins Chace had been informed of his disownment.

We have united with the women's Meeting in disowning from membership Eliza Briggs.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 26th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Welcome A. Greene and Caleb Paine - from Providence Paul Coffin and Welcome Congdon, who are present.

Our beloved friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire, expressing the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Abigail M. Jones attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting N. Hampshire expressing the unity of her friends with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends James Canny of Dover Mo. Meeting and Hannah Morrill of Berwick Mo. Meeting, the former in company with and the latter companion to our friend Abigail M. Jones, attended this Meeting and produced minutes of concurrence from their respective Monthly Meetings. Their company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk was directed to furnish our friends now with us from abroad with copies of the minutes made in regard to them respectively.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Nathan Stevens requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Swanzy Monthly Meeting. We appoint Arnold Congdon and Samuel Austin to make inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 24th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine; – from Providence Thomas Harkness and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present.

The queries have been read and the required number answered by our Preparative Meetings; a summary of the answers has been adopted, which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Nathan Stevens presented the following; which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf. – To Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends, – Dear Friends – Nathan Stevens having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting; this is to inform you that he is a member of this Meeting, and upon inquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Thomas E. Steere requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Maſsachusetts. We appoint Jonathan L. Slocum and William A Robinson to make the neceſsary inquiry and if nothing appears to prevent it, prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next meeting

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth H. Austin, wife of Samuel Austin.

William Jenkins, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkneſs and Arnold Congdon are appointed to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as clerks Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder, and to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and report to our next meeting. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate suitable Friends for overseers of Society and of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burying Grounds and Funerals, and reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Friends of Providence Particular Meeting request that their meeting for Worship on First day afternoon may assemble at the 4th instead of the 3d hour from the first First day in the Eighth Month to the last First day in the Ninth Month inclusive of the present year; with which this meeting unites and grants them the privilege of assembling as proposed.

Our beloved friend John Meader, a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a concern that had for a considerable time attended his mind, and with increased weight of latter time, to attend the Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth Vassalborough, and Fairfield ~~and~~ to visit some of the meetings composing them, and to appoint some meetings among Friends and others within their limits, more particularly in the Northern and Eastern parts thereof. After a time of solid condis consideration thereon his prospect was fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct; and Thomas Hackness, Allen Wing, ~~and~~ William Jenkins and Joseph Metcalf are appointed a committee with whom he may confer upon any subject connected with his proposed visit.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins returned at this time the certificates granted her in 4th Mo 1841 and 1843 and informed us that through the condescending care and goodness of Him who is head over all things to his Church, and who when he putteth forth his own deigns to go before them, she had been preserved and enabled to perform the service called for at her hands to the peace and entire relief and release of her mind. She also presented the following certificates. The information given us by our dear friend and furnished by the certificates thus presented has been truly satisfactory and comforting to us.

To Providence Monthly Meeting Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England,

Dear Friends, — Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins to whom you granted certificates liberating her for the performance of a religious visit in these parts, having attended our Yearly Meeting and being now about to depart for England in the prosecution of the service to which she believes herself called: We certify on her behalf that her company at this meeting has been truly acceptable to us,- that we have full unity with her Gospel Labors, and that her solid deportment has been instructive and edifying. We desire to commend her to the continued preservation of the Good Shepherd who putteth forth his own and goeth before them; and are with the salutation of love your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 23d of 4th Mo. 1842 and by adjournment on the 30th of the same.

Joseph Bewley, Clk to Meetg this year.

To Providence Monthly Meeting Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England.

Dear Friends, Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins has attended this Yearly Meeting, and produced certificates from you liberating her for a religious visit in these parts. She has informed us that her prospect of service amongst us is now nearly accomplished; — We certify on her behalf that her company and Gospel Labors have been truly acceptable and her ministry sound and edifying. With desires for the preservation of this our dear sister through any remaining services that may be allotted to her, and that when the time of her full liberation shall have arrived she may if consistent with the divine Will be favored to return in

safety to her family and Friends with the reward of Peace,
We are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin on 27th of 4th mo. and by adjournment on the 4th of 5th mo. 1844.

Joseph Bewley, Clerk to the Meeting this year.

To the Monthly Meeting of Providence, the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island, and the Yearly Meeting of New England,

Dear Friends, – Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins who attended this Meeting last year and produced certificates from your respective meetings having returned home in the course of the summer We think it right to certify on her behalf that her company and services at our yearly Meeting of 1842 were to the comfort of Friends, and in her visit which was confined to but a small part of the meetings of Friends in this country, her ministry was acceptable and edifying. Desiring her continued dedication to the Service of her Lord and that she may be kept under the safe guidance of the Holy Spirit we are with the salutation of love your friends

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London on the 22nd and 23d of the 5th mo. and the 3d of the 6th mo. 1843

Samuel Tuke, Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London on the 20th and by adjournments on the 21st and 31st of 5th mo. 1844.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England, the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meeting in that State.

Dear Friends. Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins has informed this meeting that she has been enabled to accomplish the prospect of visiting those in profession with Friends in the South of France to the satisfaction of her own mind; and also that having been enabled to accomplish most of the engagements which she had in view as expressed in her certificates, she believes the time is not far distant when she may be permitted with a peaceful mind and under a grateful sense of the Lord's mercies to return to her native land. — We certify that her company and Gospel services have been truly acceptable to us, that she has labored diligently during her stay in this land, and her ministry has been sound and edifying and a comfort and encouragement to many. We part from this dear friend in much love and in the unity of the Gospel of Christ, commending her to the care of our Heavenly Father and desiring that she may be restored to her family and friends with the reward of peace, We remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

Samuel Tuke, Clerk.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended and generally by most of our members; the hour is nearly observed; a few instances of sleeping have been noticed; mostly clear of other unbecoming behavior

2nd Love and Unity appear to be maintained by most of our members, detraction is generally guarded against; when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 28th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Caleb Paine, - from Providence Arnold Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present

The committee appointed for that service proposed Jonathan L. Slocum for clerk, James Dennis for assistant clerk, Thomas Harkness for Treasurer, Samuel B. Tobey, Recorder and Reuben J. Peckham and Gilbert Congdon for Auditors, which names are satisfactory to the meeting and they are appointed to those stations respectively

They also made the following report: "The committee appointed for the purpose report that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find a balance of One Hundred and Thirty Five and 97/100 dollars in his hands due the Monthly Meeting Also a balance of One Hundred and Sixty Four dollars and 72/100 in favor of the Monthly Meeting being interest arising from the Rachel Thayer and Moses Brown Charitable School Fund

Arnold Congdon
Providence 8th Mo. 27th 1844 } for the Committee."

The following communication concerning John D. Brown was received through Providence Preparative Meeting; whereupon we appoint Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting. To Providence Preparative Meeting -

We may inform that John D. Brown has, for a considerable time neglected the attendance of our ~~[illegible]~~ meetings and has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us. For

Allen Wing and self Overseers
Prov. 8th mo 22nd 1844. Arnold Congdon

We are informed through the same that Allen Wing requests a remove certificate for himself and wife to Sidney Mo. Meeting. We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey and Thomas Harkness to join a similar committee of the women's meeting and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swanzey Mo. Meeting in favor of Antoinette M. Palmgreen and her children Saphia Antoinette and Margaret.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from New Bedford Mo Meeting in favor of Olaff Palmgreene, the women's meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends - Olaff Palmgreene, a minor, having removed within the limits of your meeting and a certificate having been requested on his account, this may inform that he is a member of our religious society and was a diligent attender of our meetings while with us. We commend him to your Christian care and oversight and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 6th mo. 27th 1844

William C. Taber } Clerks.
Susan Taber

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Dover Mo. Meeting in favor of Tobias Meader and family. viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends - Tobias Meader and his wife Phebe H. Meader having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting and our certificate being requested on their behalf; This may certify that they are members of this meeting exemplary in their deportment, diligent in the attendance of meetings; and it appears that their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. With desires for their preservation and growth in the Truth we recommend them with their child James John also a member of this meeting to your Christian care.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester the 24th of 7th Month 1844.

Olney Thompson } Clks
Lydia Thompson

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Rochester Monthly Meeting - New York - in favor of Stephen Atwater and family; viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends, - A certificate having been requested on behalf of Stephen Atwater, Mary Atwater, his wife, and their minor son Edward W., we have made inquiry in relation to their temporal affairs and find nothing to prevent granting that request. We therefore recommend them as members of our religious society to your christian care and regard.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Rochester Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Wheatland 7th Mo. 26th 1844.

David Bell }
Silas Cornell, Correspondent. Elizabeth Bell } Clerks

The committee to prepare a certificate for Thomas E. Steere presented the following, which being satisfactory the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf. viz.

To Sandwich Mo. Meeting of Friends, Mass.

Dear Friends - Thomas E. Steere having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, we can inform you that he is a member of this meeting, and upon inquiry, nothing appears to prevent him from proceeding therein.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28th 1844

A number of the Boarding School report of the present year was received at this time, one of which was read.

The privilege of sending one scholar to the Boarding School for the next term free of expence having been extended to all the Monthly Meetings we appoint Joseph Metcalf, Arnold Congdon and Gideon C. Smith to select a suitable child in conformity to the conditions expressed in the Boarding School committee's report.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended except one who was detained at home by bodily indisposition.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Salem Mo. Meeting Iowa in favor of Olive Arnold.

A bill from Smithfield Monthly Meeting for the support of Elizabeth M. Cornell having been received, our treasurer was directed to pay the amount of the same to such person as that Mo. Meeting may authorize to receive it; and their claim upon this meeting for her support having been admitted, it is concluded that hereafter such bills may go into the hands of the overseers of the Poor and be settled without coming before our meeting; and the clerk was directed to communicate this information to Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 25th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Smith and Caleb Paine – from Providence Jonathan Congdon and Thomas Hackneſs, who are present.

Our beloved friend Zebulon Weaver from Smyrna Monthly Meeting, New York attended this meeting in the 7th Mo last and again at this time and produced a copy of a minute from that Monthly Meeting informing that he is a minister in unity with them. His Christian walk and religious service have been acceptable and satisfactory to us; and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The committee in the case of John D. Brown made the following report, which is accepted, and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the womens meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

We your committee appointed in the case of John D. Brown, report; That we have attend

ed to our appointment; - he treated us respectfully and manifested a regard for ~~Friends~~ the principles professed by our society, but did not give any encouragement of living in accordance therewith. It is our judgment that farther labor will not be useful in his case, which we submit to the Monthly Meeting.
Gideon C. Smith
North Providence 9th Mo. 21st 1844 Caleb M. Paine

Caleb M. Paine is appointed to inform John D. Brown of the decision of this meeting in his case.

The committee to prepare a certificate for Allen and Olive Wing presented the following, which being satisfactory to us, the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Sidney Monthly Meeting - Dear Friends Allen and Olive Wing being about to remove to reside within the limits of your meeting and having requested our certificate, This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting, exemplary in life and conversation, diligent in the attendance of meetings, and in the station of Elders in unity and good esteem with us. On inquiry their temporal affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled. We recommend them to your Christian care and attention and are your friends.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Eliza Wadsworth as a member of our religious society

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Sidney Monthly Meeting in favor of May Ann Weeks.

The following communication from Granville Mo. Meeting N. York, having been received we appoint Arnold Congdon, Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith to unite with a similar committee of the womens meeting and visit the individuals therein named and report to our next meeting.

To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends - Dear Friends These are to inform you that Benjamin E. Hays and wife went from these parts, being members of this Monthly meeting, and we are informed are living within the limits of your meeting, and

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we have been requested to forward certificates of membership for them. We have had the subject under the care of a committee to find whether the way was clear, who have reported that Benjamin went away privately after putting his property out of his hands leaving his affairs unsettled, and it appeared his wife united with him therein. We therefore request you to treat with them on our account, and when your labors are brought to a close inform us of the result. - Signed by direction of Granville Mo. Meeting of Friends held 11th of 7th Mo. 1844 - William Patter }
Harris Otis - Correspondent - Phebe Huntington } Clk

We have received through ~~Prov.~~ Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication from William M. Davidson: Whereupon we appoint Turner Haskill, Tobias Meader and Joseph Smith to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting. *

This meeting having requested ~~on~~ the Preparative Meetings to propose the names of Friends for officers of Society, - Smithfield presents the following -

Joseph Metcalf }
Joseph Smith } Overseers of Society
Caleb Paine }
Welcome A Greene } " " Poor
Turner Haskill } Care-Takers of Meeting House and
Davis Metcalf } Funerals at Cumberland
James Dennis } " " " " "
Gideon C. Smith } " " " Smithfield
Robert Shove } Reporters of Births and Deaths
Jacob Metcalf } to the Recorder -

And Providence presents the following

Elihu Bowen }
William Jenkins } Overseers of Society
Arnold Congdon }
Jona. L. Slocum }
Elihu Bowen }
Thomas Harkness } " " Poor -
Welcome Congdon }
Jona. Congdon
William Jenkins
Arnold Congdon
John Meader

Thomas Harkness Samuel Boyd Tobey Jont L Slocum	Caretakers of Meeting house, Funerals and Burying Grounds at Providence
Elihu Bowen Isaac Fisk	" " " " Scituate
Isaac Fisk Daniel Robinson Thomas Chace	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder –

Which nominations are satisfactory to the meeting and they are appointed to those offices respectively for the ensuing year.

The following extract from the minutes of Rhode Islande Mo. Meeting was received at this time. – "Providence Monthly Meeting being about to erect a new Meeting house in Providence this meeting authorizes our Treasurer to pay Two-Hundred Dollars to that meeting to assist them therein. Extracted from the minutes of R. I. Mo. Meeting, held at Newport 5th Mo. 30th 1844.

David Buffum – Clerk –

This sum is acceptable to us as an evidence of the brotherly regard of Friends of R. I. Mo. Meeting; and the building committee are requested to receive the same on our behalf and appropriate it as designated in said extract. And the clerk was directed to furnish that Mo. Meeting with a copy of this minute. –

* To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Friends
I feel desirous of becoming a member of the religious society of Friends, which I submit to the meeting

William M. Davidson

8th mo. 16th 1844 –

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo 30th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Pai and Robert Shove - from Providence John Meader and William A. Robinson who are present.

The Queries have been read, and the required number answered by our Preparative Meetings; from these answers a selection has been made which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, John Meader and Turner Haskell whom we appoint our representatives

The subject of the accommodation afforded to Friends by holding our Monthly Meeting alternately at Smithfield and Providence as at present having claimed our deliberate consideration, it was concluded to propose to the Quarterly Meeting that in future it should be held uninterruptedly at Providence: the womens meeting uniting therein

Caleb M. Paine informed the meeting that he had given John D. Brown the necessary information in his case

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Elizabeth B. Chace as a member of our religious Society

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting in favor of Joshua Buffum, the women's meeting uniting therein.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Joshua Buffum 2nd now residing within the limits of your Meeting requests of us a removal certificate: this may certify that he is a member of this meeting, and frequently attended our meetings while with us. His outward affairs are settled and he is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears. As such we recommend him to your care and oversight.
Signed by direction of Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick 10th Mo. 17th 1844.

Pelatiah Hussey } Clerks.
Ann Elmira Lang }

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader ~~spread before~~ informed us at this time ~~a concern~~ that she had for a considerable time believed it required of her by her divine Maſter, and that the prospect of latter time had rested with increased weight upon her mind to attend in the love of the Gospel, Saratoga and Butternuts Quarterly Meetings and to visit ~~most~~ some of the meetings composing them; to visit the meetings constituting Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting, and if way should open for it, appoint some meetings among those not in religious profession with us. The concern of our dear friend claimed the solid consideration of the meeting and was fully united with, she being a minister in unity with us, and the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a certificate prepared for her by the women's meeting.

Our beloved friend Tobias Meader informed us that he believed it right for him to accompany our friend Elizabeth Meader in her proposed religious visit within the limits of Saratoga, Butternutts and Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meetings, with which this meeting fully unites, he being a member in unity with us.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the womens meeting for Phebe H. Meader as companion to our friend Elizabeth Meader in her proposed religious visit

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays and wife informed the meeting that they had given attention to the subject but were not ready to make a final report; they are continued in care of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee in the case of William M. Davidson informed that they had given attention to the subject but were not ready to make a full report. they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting

Answers to the Queries

1st All meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; those on first-days by most of our members, mid-week meetings much neglected by some: the hour, observed, clear of unbecoming behavior, some instances of sleeping excepted

2nd Love and Unity very generally maintained but not without a few prominent exceptions; detraction generally guarded against; endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

10th We believe Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and to place judgment according to discipline.

Eleventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 27th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Welcome A. Greene and Jacob Metcalf; from Providence William Jenkins and Thomas Chace who are present.

In consequence of some persons members of this and of neighboring Monthly Meetings who are not in unity with Friends and who are under dealing in their respective Monthly Meetings, having persisted in sitting in this meeting contrary to discipline and the good order of Society, we have been under the painful necessity of suspending our business and have therefore concluded to adjourn to the 3 hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met pursuant to adjournment. The representatives were all present.

Our beloved friend Harvey Derbyshire from Leeds Monthly Meeting Upper Canada, attended this meeting and produced satisfactory testimonies of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and religious service have been acceptable and strengthening to us

Our beloved friend Jonathan Ferris of Leeds

Monthly Meeting, Upper Canada attended this meeting as companion to our friend Harvey Derbyshire and produced a minute of concurrence of said Monthly meeting. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk was directed to furnish the above named Friends with copies of the minutes made in their cases respectively.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that all attended, and that the Quarterly Meeting approved of the proposition of this meeting to hold our meetings uninterruptedly at Providence.

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays and wife informed that they are not yet ready to make a full report: they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee in the case of William M. Davidson informed that they had given further attention to the subject, but were not ready to make a full report: they are continued in care of the case, and desired to report to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 7th mo. last, and informed us that he had been favored to accomplish the service he then had in prospect to the entire relief and comfort of his own mind: He presented extracts from the minutes of Falmouth Fairfield and Vassalborough Quarterly Meetings and from China, Litchfield and Vassalborough Monthly Meetings expressing that his company and gospel labors had been satisfactory to them. This information is satisfactory to us.

We have received through ~~through~~ Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning John S. Kenyon, and a similar communication respecting his wife Sarah Kenyon, from the women's meeting having been read; Whereupon we appoint Gilbert Congdon William A. Robinson, Caleb H. Paine Turner Haskill and James Dennis to unite with such a committee as the women may appoint and visit them on the account and report to our next meeting. Viz: To the Preparative Meeting

We have to inform the Preparative Meeting that John S. Kenyon has for a considerable time manifested a disunity with Friends and with the disciplinary proceedings of our meetings, and has lately identified himself with those who have set up what they denominate a Preparative, a Monthly and a Quarterly Meeting, contrary to the discipline good order and long-established usage of our religious Society, and he has attempted to justify this unwarrantable procedure by various unfounded assumptions.

We have had a full interview with him but he manifested no disposition to give Friends satisfaction or to change his course

Nov. 11th 1844.
William Jenkins }
Arnold Congdon } Overseers
Jona L. Slocum }

We have accepted the following removal certificate from New York Monthly Meeting in favor of Charles Atherton, Mary his wife and their minor daughter Deborah P., the Women's Meeting uniting therein. Viz:

"To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Prov. R. I.
Dear Friends, — Charles Atherton and Mary his wife, members of this meeting have removed and settled within the compass of yours; and upon inquiry it appears that his temporal concerns are settled to satisfaction. We therefore recommend them and their daughter Deborah, a minor to your Christian care, and remain your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of New York, held 11th mo. 6th 1844. by William Wood }
Elizabeth W. Willis } Clerks.

Twelfth Month 1844

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 25th 1844. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings, are from Smithfield Caleb Paine and Welcome A. Greene: from Providence Gilbert Congdon and Samuel Austin who are present.

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays and wife informed the meeting of their further attention to the case, but not being ready to make a conclusive report, they are continued with the addition of Samuel Boyd Tobey, in case of the case and desired to report to our next meeting.

The in the case of William M. Davidson informed that owing to the absence of one of their number they were not ready to report: they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Nathan Buffinton: We appoint James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith and Thomas Harkness to visit him on the account, and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting

We have to inform the Preparative Meeting that Nathan Buffinton, for a considerable time past has manifested a want of unity with Friends and with the disciplinary proceedings of our meetings, and has lately identified himself with those — by being present and taking part with them — who have set up what they denominate a Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, contrary to the good order and discipline of our religious Society.

Prov. 12th Mo. 13th 1844 —
Joseph Metcalf }
William Jenkins } Overseers
Jonª. L. Slocum }

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication respecting Samuel B. Chace. We appoint Turner Haskill Caleb M. Paine and William A. Robinson a committee to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Friends

Samuel B. Chace has identified himself with those — by meeting with them — who have set up what they denominate, a Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings, contrary to the good order and discipline of our religious Society; and having been treated with on the account expressed his unity and fellowship with them in their proceedings

Joseph Metcalf } Overseers
Joseph Smith }

The committee in the case of John T. Kenyon and wife made the following report which is accepted by this and the womens meeting, and they are accordingly disowned as members of our religious Society. William A. Robinson is appointed to inform him of his disownment and desired to report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting. We your committee appointed to visit John T. Kenyon and his wife Sarah on account of complaints brought against them respectively, report: that we have had an interview with them and are united in the opinion that further attention from us will not be useful. The complaints were read to them with copies of the minutes of our appointment, but they declined having any communication with us as a committee, stating that they did not recognize Providence Monthly Meeting on whose behalf we were acting, thereby closing the way for any labor

Turner Haskell   Sarah Metcalf
Prov. 12th Mo. 15th 1844   James Dennis   Lydia C. Smith
William A. Robinson   Hannah C. Robinson
Gilbert Congdon

We have received the following removal certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting in favor of Olney and Lydia Thompson and their adopted daughter Maria Pinkham, the womens meeting uniting therein

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends -

Dear Friends — Olney Thompson having removed with his family; viz, his wife Lydia Thompson and their adopted daughter, Maria Pinkham, to reside within the limits of your meeting and requested our certificate; This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting, exemplary in their lives and conversation and diligent in the attendance of meetings. Their secular affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears; Olney being ~~an elder~~ a minister and Lydia an elder in good esteem with us As such with desires for their preservation in the Truth, we recommend them to your Christian care.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester 11th Mo 27th 1844.

Benjamin H. Jones } Clerks.
Ruth Sawyer }

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 10th mo last, and informed us that through Divine help she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect to the entire relief and peace of her own mind. She presented extracts from the minutes of Butternuts and Saratoga Quarterly Meetings and from Starksborough and Ferrisburg Monthly Meetings expressing that her company and Gospel labors had been satisfactory to them. This information is satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Tobias Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 10th mo last and presented extracts from the minutes of Butternuts and Saratoga Quarterly and of Ferrisburgh and Starksborough Monthly Meetings expressing that his company as companion to our friend Elizabeth Meader had been acceptable to them.

We have received at this time the following communication from the meeting for Sufferings which has been read and is satisfactory to us.

To the Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting. — Dear Friends—

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this meeting in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting, in the progress of that separating spirit that is, producing divisions amongst us.

In Swanzey Monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of clerks and overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon friends for those stations. The state of the meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's committee, and also of a committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, previous to our last Yearly Meeting, and much labor had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline the administration of which had been seriously interrupted

The committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting "to assist and advise such Meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for," with a number of the Quarterly Meetings committee then under appointment, met with these two committees of the Monthly Meeting in the Seventh Month and united with a part of them in proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for clerks and Overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals all the members of these committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those committees to the Monthly Meeting and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that Meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the clerk, who was one of this number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting, although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly Meeting in the Eighth Month, which again appointed a committee to visit Swanzey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our Christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days to the honor of Truth.

At the following Monthly Meeting the individual who had previously acted as clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting and of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee and of the earnest advice and entreaty of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, - and the monthly meeting having again at this time, with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting, united in the appointment as Clerk of the Friend who been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the reports from those meetings and all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting, the former clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes; and to prevent confusion, Friends after having read the min ule of the Quarterly Meeting, appointing its committee adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon - by far the larger part of the men's meeting, and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they called Monthly Meetings; and at Rhode Islan Quarterly Meeting, ~~appointing clerks and~~ in the 11th Mo they presented an account purporting to come from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which was not received nor in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded, these individuals with a few from other Monthly Meetings, both men and women, most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remaine in the house and called themselves Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, appointing clerks and a committee to visit Subordi nate meetings. - This committee thus appointed has since vis ited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a committee from the Quarterly Meeting organized as we have described in a wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave Friends select for the support of our discipline, adjournment has been resorted to in order to be freed from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings in Rhode Island Quarter, who being disaffected towards the body of Friends, have under the advisement of this committee united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those meetings respectively.

Thus, dear friends, a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united togeth or concerned for the support of the ancient principles testimonies and discipline of our religious Society.

* Attempts are strenuously made by the Separat to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who

* The cause of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection dividual liberty that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination, recognized in our discipline, of inferior to superior Meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society.

do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness, in our fundamental principles - an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact - as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious Society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the truth, and to support our Christian discipline.

As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold up to view those Gospel truths which we do most solemnly believe and which have ever been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or the Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving of Spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise. The documents to which we specially allude are a "minute of the Yearly Meeting" in 1836. - "An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings" in 1838 - the "Introduction to the Memorials of Deceased Friends" published in 1841 as well as the appendix thereto, being a reprint of "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of America" - and "An Essay on some of the prominent doctrines and Testimonies of Friends," issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843.

These candid full and explicit declarations of, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.

Efforts, we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends, and those efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends of the danger of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. Brethren, be not deceived. May the Great Head of the Church in his mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a Body that we may be preserved from falling.

In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what meetings are in unity with the Society, we have appointed the following correspondents to act until the time of our next Yearly Meeting by whom all documents issued by their respective Meetings are to be signed in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of these Meetings not signed by the appointed correspondent, should be deemed as spurious.

For Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, - -		Thomas Howland
" " Monthly	"	Jethro F. Mitchell
" Greenwich "	"	Rowland Greene
" Swanzey "	"	Oliver Earle
" Providence "	"	Samuel Boyd Tobey

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting, held at Providence, by adjournment, the 6th of 12th Month 1844.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

First Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo 29th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith — from Providence Thomas Harkness and Samuel Boyd Tobey who are present.

Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor Jr. attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Fairfield Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement — his company and Gospel labor have been to our comfort and edification.

Our beloved friend David Dudley atten

ded this meeting and produced a certificate from St. Albans Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement - his company and Gospel labor have been to our comfort and edification.

Our esteemed friend David Douglas attended this meeting as companion to our friend David Du[illegible]ley and produced a copy of a minute from St. Alban Monthly Meeting, informing that he is an elder in good esteem with them and their unity with his present engagement - his company and solid deportment have been truly satisfactory to us.

The clerk was directed to furnish the above-named friends with copies of the minutes made concerning them respectively.

The Queries have been read at this time and answers adopted to the usual number. These answers the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Jonathan Congdon, Joseph Metcalf and John Meader whom we appoint our representatives.

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays and wife informed the meeting that they were not ready to report - they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee in the case of William M. Davidson informed that they were not ready to report - they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The committee in the case of Nathan Buffinton made the following report; which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society, the women's meeting uniting therein. viz:

"To Providence Monthly Meeting"

We have visited Nathan Buffinton on account of of the complaint from the Overseers. He manifested no disposition to change his course, and we are united in judgment that further labor in the case would not prove to his or the meetings advantage.

Prov. 28th of 1st Mo. 1845 — James Dennis Thomas Harkness Gideon C. Smith

Thomas Chace is appointed to inform Nathan Buffinton of our decision in his case.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Asenath Buffinton wife of Nathan as a member of our religious society.

The committee in the case of Samuel B. Chace made the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society, the women's meeting uniting therein and Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case.

"The committee appointed to visit Samuel B. Chace on account of complaints brought against him, report - that we have had an opportunity with him. We read to him a copy of the complaint and of the minute of our appointment, and were informed by him that he did not admit the authority of the meeting we represented. We were kindly received and had some conversation with him relative to his case; but are of the opinion that further labor is not required.

Prov 1st Mo. 6th 1845

Turner Haskill
Caleb M. Paine
William A. Robinson."

The friend appointed to inform John T. Kenyon of his disownment, reported that he had given him that information.

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Harvey Chace. We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey Charles Atherton, and Gideon C. Smith to visit him on the account, and they are desired to report to our next meeting; viz;

"To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Friends

Harvey Chace having identified himself with those who have set up meetings out of the order established amongst us and contrary to our Christian discipline, by meeting with them and having been treated with on the subject without producing a change, his case is presented to the meeting. Cumberland 1st Mo 22nd 1845. Joseph Metcalf Overseer"

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Isaac Fiske. We appoint John Meader, Samuel Austin and Thomas Harkness to visit him on the account, and they are requested to report to our next meeting: viz:

"To the Preparative Meeting

We have to inform the Preparative Meeting that Isaac Fiske has so far identified himself with the Separatists as to attend two of their meetings although reminded by one of the Overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting on both occasions of the position of the position he was placing himself in before the Monthly Meeting. Subsequently we have had several interviews with him upon the subject, but he gave no encouragement that he would make Friends satisfaction, but on the contrary expressed his unity with those meetings which have been set up contrary to the good order and discipline of our religious Society

Providence 1st Mo. 22nd 1845
William Jenkins } Overseers."
Jonn. L. Slocum

We appoint Thomas Harkness Welcome Congdon Reuben J. Peckham Wm A. Robinson Tobias Meader Saml Robinson Jonathan L. Slocum Stephen Atwater to make the requisite provision and take the necessary care in the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting; and they are requested to report to our next meeting

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute by which it appears that our proportion of the sum therein named is $211.50/100; We conclude to raise for that purpose and for this meetings use 400 dollars: and our Preparative meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer and report when accomplished

"The Quarterly Meeting concluded to raise $450 for its use this year, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer their respective proportions of the sum mentioned. Providence Monthly Meeting proportion is $211.50 - From Rhode Island Quarterly

Meeting held at Somerset 11 Mo 7th. 1844
David Buffum Clk"

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended: those on the First day of the week by most of our members; midweek meetings except those for Discipline not always so fully attended: the hour generally observed - clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2d. Love and unity maintained with a few exceptions: detraction generally guarded against; and where differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

10th. Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and to place judgement according to our Discipline

Second Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 26th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Robert Shove and Caleb Paine - from Providence Paul Coffin and Gilbert Congdon - one of whom is not present.

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays and wife informed the meeting that they had given further attention to the case, but were not ready to report - they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting

The committee in the case of William M. Davidson made the following report which is accepted and he is accordingly admitted a member of our religious Society, the womens meeting uniting therein and Gideon C. Smith is requested to inform him of our decision in his case.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
The committee in the case of William M. Davidson report; that they have had several opportuni-

ties with him on account of his request to become a member of our Society, and have come to the conclusion that it may be safe to grant his request which we submit to the meeting

Smithfield 2nd Mo. 19th 1845 -
Joseph Smith.
Turner Haskill.
Tobias Meader.

The friend appointed to inform Samuel B. Chace of our decision in his case reported that he had given him the required information.

The committee in the case of Harvey Chace made the following report which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society the women's meeting uniting therein; and James Dennis is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

We your committee to visit Harvey Chace on account of the communication of the overseers, report that we have attended to our appointment and had an interview with him upon the subject. He attempted to justify his course and manifested a disposition to continue in it; and it is our judgment that further labor will not probably be productive of benefit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Charles Atherton
Prov. 2nd Mo. 15th 1845.
Gideon C. Smith

The Committee in the case of Isaac Fiske made the following report which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society - the Women's meeting uniting therein, and Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case.

To Providence Monthly meeting of Friends

" We your Committee appointed to visit
" Isaac Fiske report that we have had a full
" opportunity with him and that he does not
" manifest any disposition to make Friends
" satisfaction or to change his course - expressing
" his unity with those who have separated

" from us and have set up meetings contrary to
" the good order of our Religious Society. We are united
" in judgment that further labor in his case
" will not be beneficial" John Meader
" Thomas Harkness
" Providence 2d mo 17th 1845 Samuel Austin

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, made the following report: which is accepted and the Clerk is directed to certify the same to enable the Committee to obtain from the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the sum therein named.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to provide and take the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly, report; They have attended to that appointment, and the expence amounts to Twenty Nine Dollars and Fifteen cents.

On behalf of the Committee
Prov. 2nd Mo. 26th 1845. Thomas Harkness"

The representatives to the Q. Meeting inform that they all attended.

Tobias Meader requested at this time a removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting for himself and family. We appoint William Jenkins and Jonathan L. Slocum to unite with such friends as the Women's meeting may appoint for that service, make the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appears, prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting-

Third Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 26th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and James Dennis - from Providence Charles Atherton and Samuel Austin who are present.

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Hays an
wife made the following report which is accepted and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forword to Granville Monthly the accompanying communication as prepared by the Committee

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
We your committee appointed to visit Benjamin E. Hays and wife on account of a communication from Granville Monthly Meeting, Report - that we have attended to our appointment and propose the subjoined communication should be made to that meeting. Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gideon C. Smith, Hannah C. Robinson, Lydia C. Smith.
Providence 3rd Mo. 24th 1845."

To Granville Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Your communication of the 11th mo. last addressed to this meeting in relation to Benjamin E. Hays and wife was received, and we appointed a committee to treat with them on account of it as requested by you.

Benjamin represents that in consequence of sickness of himself and family and some losses his affairs became imbarrassed, and with the advice of some of his friends he made an assignment of all his property to his creditors, - four in number naming them all in the assignment and reserving nothing but his furniture and tools. As by his statement it appears that no preference was given in his assignment of one creditor over an other our discipline in that respect has not been violated. The reason he assigns for leaving the State privately was to avoid the application of a law to him which in his case would have been oppressive without being beneficial to his creditors.

We submit the foregoing as the results of our inquiries and labor in the case and remain your friends.

James Dennis reported that he had given Harvey Chace the required information in his case.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins opened in this meeting a prospect of attending in Gospel Love the approaching Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia and the meetings in course going and returning. After deliberate consideration her prospect was fully and feelingly united with and she left at liberty to attend to the same as truth may open the way, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared for her in the womens meeting.

Gideon C. Smith reported that he had informed William M. Davidson of the conclusion of this meeting in his case.

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had written to Isaac Fiske giving him the necessary information in his case

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting for Tobias Meader and family presented the following which is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

To Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Tobias Meader and his wife Phebe Meader having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting and having requested our certificate; this may certify that they are members of this meeting, exemplary in their deportment & diligent in the attendance of meetings and it appears that their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. With desires for their preservation and growth in the Truth, we recommend them with their child James John also a member of this meeting to your Christian care Signed by direction

We have received through Providence Preparative meeting the following communication concerning Darius P. Lawton. We appoint John Metcalf Samuel Boyd Tobey Thomas Hawkins and Turner Haskell to visit him on the account, and they are desired to report at our next meeting.

"To Providence Preparative Meeting"

Darius P. Lawton having for many months past having absented himself from all our

meetings for Discipline an interview has recently been had with him on the account - in which he would give, no encouragement of pursuing a different course - alleging that he had not been united with the Disciplinary proceedings of the Monthly, Quarterly and the Yearly Meetings for some time past and calling in question the correctness of some of the minutes made in the first named meeting - at the same time stating that he did not consider himself a member of any particular limited sect but of the whole community - that he did not view the Discipline of our Religious Society as binding on himself nor should he ~~wish~~ be willing to make others amenable to it, any farther than they were willing to receive any good advice it might contain and that the last times he had attended our Meetings for Discipline it had been rather as a spectator than as a participator in the business of those meetings
Providence 3d mo. 20th 1845. William Jenkins
Overseer"

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informed that they had raised & forwarded to our Treasurer Sixty seven dollars.

Thomas Chase reported that he had given Nathan Buffinton the necessary information in his case.

Friends of Providence particular meeting request ~~that~~ that their meeting for worship on First day afternoon may hereafter assemble at 4 o'clock from the Sixth to the Ninth Month inclusive; which is satisfactory to us and they are left at liberty to assemble at the hour proposed.

The situation of Scituate meeting in its present reduced state claiming our consideration we appoint, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, William Jenkins, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Charles Atherton, Gideon C. Smith James Dennis and Jonathan L. Slocum, to unite with such friends as the Women may appoint, to visit said meeting and report next month.

Fourth Month.

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends
held 4mo. 23d 1845. The Representatives from the
Preparative meetings are from Smithfield,
Welcome A. Greene & Caleb Paine - from
Providence Jonathan Congdon and Olney
Thompson who are present.

The Queries have been read in this
meeting with Answers from the Preparative
meetings from which the following summary
has been adopted; which the Clerk is direct-
ed to forward for the information of our
next Quarterly Meeting by our friends
Joseph Metcalf Thomas Harkness and
Gilbert Congdon whom we appoint our
Representatives

We have paid to the Treasurer of the Quar-
terly Meeting 211 50/100 dollars the sum called
for in the 11th mo last

The Committee in the case of Daniel P. Sutton
made the following report which is accepted and
we accordingly disown him as a member of
our religious Society - the womens meeting uni-
+ ting therein - and James Dennis is appoint-
ed to inform him of this conclusion and
u, p 18 he is requested to report next month.

The Committee appointed last month to extend
ec, next some care to Scituate meeting made the follow-
age 26 ing report (x) which is accepted; and the midweek
meeting is accordingly suspended. The committee
with the addition of our friends Olney Thompson
Thomas Harkness Turner Haskell & Gilbert Congdon
are continued and desired to extend such
care in the case as they may deem proper
and way open for; and they are requested to
report to a future meeting. We have united
with the women's meeting in accepting a remo-
val certificate from Sandwich Mo. Meeting in fa-
vor of Rebecca A. Steere wife of Thomas C. Steere.

† We are informed through Smithfield
Preparative meeting that William [illegible] has
connected himself in marriage with a person

not a member of our Society. We appoint Gideon C. Smith, Jonathan L. Slocum & James Dennis to take the subject into consideration and they are desired to report next month

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication from John Jenckes. We appoint Jonathan Congdon, John Meader, Cary Thompson & Joseph Metcalf to visit him on the account and they are desired to report next month.

"To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Friends
My mind has for some time been exercised with the consideration; that the time was not far distant when I should think it right to request the care of Friends' Society, and of late increasingly so I now propose the subject and leave it to be disposed of as best wisdom may direct. John Jenckes. Smithfield 4mo 1845

Providence Preparative Meeting informed that they had paid to our Treasurer 330 dollars their proportion of the sum called for by this meeting

Our beloved friend John Meader a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect that had of latter time weightily impressed his mind of attending in Gospel love the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in New York. After deliberate consideration this concern was fully united with and he is left at liberty to attend to the same as Truth may open the way.

Ac "The Committee appointed to have some care of Scituate meeting report that most of us have visited that meeting and we would propose that on account of its reduced state that a Committee be appointed to have further care of that meeting on the first day of the week and that the midweek meeting be suspended for the present. On behalf of the Committee

Joseph Metcalf
Providence 4mo 23d 1845 Elizabeth Meader"

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except a few in the middle of the week in one small meeting, which is now under the care of a committee of the Monthly Meeting; those on the first-day of the week and for discipline have been attended by most of our members: mid-week meetings are not always so fully attended; the hour generally observed, - clear of unbecoming behavior a few instances of sleeping excepted

2nd We believe Love and Unity are in good degree maintained and detraction mostly guarded against no differences have come to our Knowledge.

3d Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and from the corrupt conversation of the world; they are generally good examples herein themselves and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all Friends families.

4" Friends appear to be careful as to the use of Spirituous Liquors and to observe the other parts of this query

5" The circumstances of the Poor are attended to and their necessities relieved: their children partake of learning to fit them for business: none placed out that have come to our Knowledge.

6" Most Friends are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7d We believe Friends are careful to maintain a faithful testimony to the several parts of the query.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual in their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to records; a few removals without certificates under notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in good degree according to the Query, and judgment has been placed according to discipline.

"To the Monthly Meeting

We your committee appointed to visit Darius F. Lawton on account of the communication of the overseers, report, - That we have attended to our appointment. - He fully confirmed the statements of the overseers, - manifesting a want of unity with our discipline and with the meetings for its administration; and it is our judgment that further labor with him in his present state of mind will not be productive of benefit; which we submit to the monthly Meeting.

Joseph Metcalf   Turner Haskill
Prov. 4th mo. 23d 1845"   Saml. Boyd Tobey   Thomas Harkness

Fifth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo 28th 1845 The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Jacob Metcalf - from Providence, Joseph C. Peckham and William A. Robinson who are present.

James Dennis informed this meeting that he had given Darius F. Lawton the necessary information in his case.

The committee in the case of John Jencks inform the meeting that they had attended to their appointment but were not ready to make a full report: they are continued in care of the case and desired to report next month.

The committee in the case of William Harris, Jr. made the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society the women's meeting uniting therein. Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case and requested to report next month

To the Monthly Meeting

"We your committee appointed in the case of William Harris, Jr. report that we have attended to our appointment, and find by inquiry of his father that he is located in Indian Town, Illinois, remote from any meeting of Friends, and having as it appears for a considerable time previous to his marriage, wholly neglected the attendance of our meetings and ceased to maintain several of our distinguishing Christian testimonies, it is our judgment that usefulness will not result to him or to Society by continuing him longer a member: which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Providence 5th Mo 28th 1845

Gideon C. Smith
James Dennis
Jona. L. Slocum

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning William Henry Haskill; whereupon we appoint Gideon C. Smith, Gilbert Congdon and Samuel Austin to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

To the Preparative Meeting

William Henry Haskill has united himself in marriage with one contrary to the rules of our discipline

Joseph Metcalf, Overseer

Cumberland 5th Mo 21st 1845–

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Peleg Aldrich. We appoint Thomas Harkness, William A. Robinson, Turner Haskill and Samuel Boyd Tobey to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting

To the Preparative Meeting–

Peleg Aldrich has for a long time wholly ~~neglected~~ absented himself from our meetings for worship and discipline. We have had two interviews with him on the account, but have not found him disposed to give any encouragement that he will pursue a different course hereafter.

William Jenkins
Providence 5th Mo 22nd 1845 Jona. L. Slocum } Overseers

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from

from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of Emily R. Stevens, wife of Nathan Stevens.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting in favor of Peter M. Palmgreen, the womens meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends, A certificate having been requested on behalf of Peter M. Palmgreen, a minor who has removed to reside within your limits, This may certify that he is a member of our society, and while with us, a frequent attender of our religious Meetings — as such we recommend him to your Christian care, and are your friends. Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 4th Mo 24th 1845

William C. Taber } Clks.
Sarah K. Anthony }

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins returned at this time the minute granted her last month and informed us that she had accomplished the visit she then had in prospect and had returned with a peaceful mind. She also presented the following certificates from the Two Months Meeting of Congenies France — which as well as the information given by our friend of her late visit has been satisfactory to us.

To the Friends of Providence Monthly Meeting in the State of Rhode Island, North America,

Dear Friends — It is with feelings of gratitude towards our heavenly Father, who is never forgetful of those who desire to worship him in Spirit and in truth, however isolated their exterior situation may be that we address these lines to you to inform you that in the course of the second month of this year, we received the acceptable visit of our dear friend Anna Almy Jenkins, a member of your meeting accompanied by our friends William and Mary Foster. The labors of love of our dear friend, have left a sweet savor, and her devotedness to the service of her master has been a good example amongst us. She has been enabled on many occasions to turn the attention of her hearers to the internal revelation of that light which is Christ and which conducts to God. May the seed which has been sown and watered anew bear fruit to the honor and praise of the Divine Master And we desire that our dear sister may receive the recompense which is promised to the faithful servant, and that when it shall please Him who has sent her to say- "it is enough"- may she be restored to you in safety. Our friends have visited our particular meetings with the exception of two very small ones at one of which they could not be received on account of the sickness of the family which composes it. They have also visited some of our families and held several meetings with those who do not belong to our Society.

We salute you with affection and are your friends. Signed for the Two Months' Meeting of Conzenies, held at Congenies 5th mo 5th 1844.

To Friends of Providence Monthly Meeting North America.

Dear Friends - We have learned with pain that by an omission of signature which was entirely accidental the certificate which we sent you in the 5th mo last on the account of our dear friend Anna Almy Jenkins has not been able to be presented to you and though it may not be absolutely necessary we desire you to know how satisfactory the visit of this dear friend has been to us; and now although many months have elapsed since we were favored to have her amongst us, the recollection of her devout exhortations and her example of devotedness is present to the memory and we can tell you she has left an affectionate remembrance in the hearts of some amongst us.

Accompanied by our friends William and Mary Foster, she visited all our little meetings with the exception of two very small ones, whose members she saw in an other place. She also visited some families, and in some places had meetings with those who did not profess our principles, which were all very satisfactory. We have learn-

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ed with gratitude that she has returned amongst you in good health and with the recompense promised to those who are devoted to the service of their Master. We desire that this friend may be spared for a long time to her family and friends, and that it will please the Lord to continue to give her strength to accomplish every good work to which it shall please him to call her — In the feeling of that love which is not restrained by distance we salute you, and are your friends.

Signed for the Two Months Meeting of Congenies, held at Congenies 11th Mo. 3rd 1844.

Christine Majolier, Clk.

Sixth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo 25th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are; - from Smithfield, Caleb M Paine and Robert Shove - Providence Paul Coffin and Thomas Chace, who are present.

Our beloved friend John Pease attended this meeting, and produced certificates of unity and concurrence from the Monthly Meeting of Darlington the Quarterly Meeting of Durham and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London. His company and Gospel Labors have been truly acceptable and edifying to us.

Our beloved friend Isabel Caſson attended this meeting and produced certificates of unity and concurrence from the Monthly Meeting of Hull, the Quarterly Meeting of York, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London. Her company and Gospel service have been truly satisfactory to us.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Hilles attended this meeting as companion to our friend John Pease and produced a minute of concurrence from Wilmington Monthly Meeting - Del - his company has been acceptable to us.

The committee in the case of William Henry Haskill made the following report, viz. which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of your religious Society, the womens meeting uniting therein and Caleb M. Greene is appointed to inform him of our conclusion, and desired to report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

We, your committee appointed to visit William Henry Haskill on account of information from one of the Overseers, report, that we have had an opportunity with him – he treated us respectfully but did not manifest a disposition to make Friends satisfaction; and it is our judgment that further labor in his case will not be useful – which we submit to the Monthly Meeting.

Providence 6th Mo 25th 1845

Gideon C. Smith
Gilbert Congdon
Samuel Austin

The committee in the case of Peleg Aldrich informed the meeting that they were not ready to make a full report, – they are continued in care of the case and, desired to report next month.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Samuel Harris and family request a removal certificate to New York Monthly Meeting. We appoint Jonathan L. Slocum and William A. Robinson, to unite with such Friends as the Womens Meeting may appoint, make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

The committee in the case of John Jencks informed the meeting that they are not yet ready to make a conclusive report – they are continued and desired to report next month.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of William Robinson, the women's meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends – William Robinson having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting, and upon inquiry we find he has settled his outward concerns to satisfaction. We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends

From Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held

held in Somerset 5th month 26th 1845

David Shove } Clerks
Oliver Earle, Correspondent. Laura L. Chace }

Gideon C. Smith informed the meeting that he had given William Harris, Jr. the required information in his case.

Seventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo 30th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, - from Smithfield Caleb Paine and Gideon C. Smith - from Providence Charles Atherton and William A Robinson, who are present

The Queries have been read and the required number answered by our Preparative Meetings; from the answers a selection has been made, which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends William Jenkins, John Meader and Turner Haskill whom we appoint our representatives.

Caleb M Pain informed that he had given William Henry Haskill the necessary information in his case.

The committee in the case of Peleg Aldrich informed the meeting that they had given further attention to the subject, but were not ready to report - they are continued and desired to report in the 9th month.

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 4th month, and informed that he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then had in prospect to the entire relief of his mind - He presented a copy of a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New-York, certifying that his company and religious services had been acceptable to them. This information has been acceptable to us.

The Committee in the case of John Jencks made the following report which is accepted and we accordingly receive him into membership, the women's Meeting uniting therein, and Joseph Smith is appointed to inform him of our conclusion.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We, your Committee appointed to visit John Jencks on the account of his request, report: that we have had a satisfactory opportunity with him, and believe that he is sincere in his request and disposed to support our various religious testimonies; which we submit to the Meeting

Jona. Congdon
Joseph Metcalf
Providence 7th Mo 24th 1845 John Meader
Olney Thompson

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Samuel Harris and wife, presented the following, which is approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to New York Monthly Meeting: viz:

To New York Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Samuel Harris and his wife Sarah Harris having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting and requested our certificate: — this may certify that they are members of our religious Society, and while with us frequent attenders of our meetings. It appears that Samuel has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction; With desires for their preservation and growth in the Truth we recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning John L. Clark. We appoint Gideon C. Smith Charles Atherton and Thomas Harkness to visit him on the account and they are desired to report next Month.

To the Preparative Meeting

We have to inform that John L. Clark has for more than a year past wholly neglected the attendance of our meetings for discipline, upon which account we had previously to our last Monthly Meeting a full opportunity with him, and subsequently we have individually had interviews with him on the account. He expresses dissatisfaction with the disciplinary proceedings of Friends and with the Discipline itself; and avows "that the advancing Spirit of the age and the more full realization of the principles of Christianity require that the practice among Friends of receiving dealing with and disowning members should be discontinued" and alleges that all religious association tends to control free thought and action and is therefore objectionable. As our labor failed to produce any change in his views and feelings we recommend his case to the care of Friends

Providence 7th m 22nd 1845 William Jenkins } Overseers
Jona. L. Slocum }

We have received at this time a number of copies of an epistle from our Yearly Meeting addressed to the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting and to the individual members of the Society of Friends; one of which has been read and has been satisfactory to us.

Answers to the Queries

All our meeting for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended except the mid-week meeting at Scituate which has been suspended by the Monthly Meeting: those on First-day and for discipline generally by Friends — Mid-week meetings pretty well attended; the hour nearly observed; clear of unbecoming behavior except a few instances of sleeping

2nd Love and Unity in good degree maintained and detraction guarded against: no differences that we know of.

3d We believe there is a care resting on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders in good measure agreeably to the query and to place judgments according to Discipline

Our beloved friend John Meader spread before this meeting a prospect that had for a considerable time rested with weight upon his mind to attend in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, to visit a few of the meetings composing them, and as way may open for it visit most of the meetings in the North and western parts of New York Yearly Meeting

This concern of our dear friend claimed the solid consideration of the meeting and being fully united he was left at liberty to attend to the same as Truth may open the way being a minister in unity with us.

Eighth Month 1845

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 27th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Smith and Caleb M. Paine; - from Providence, Stephen Atwater and Samuel Austen. The friends from Providence Prepative Meeting were not present for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was rendered.

Oour beloved friend Cornelius Douglaſs attended this meeting and produced certificates from Vassalborough Monthly and Quarterly Meetings expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement; - his company and religious service have been acceptable to us, and the clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they attended except one, who was prevented by indisposition.

The committee in the case of John L. Clark made the following report, which is accepted and there appearing no proſpect of usefulness from further labor, we disown him as a member of our religious Society, the women's meeting uniting therein

To the Monthly Meeting

The committee to treat with John L. Clark report that they had a full opportunity with him, and that two of their number had also a second interview in which he treated the committee respectfully, and appeared willing to listen to all the observations they thought proper to make, yet it was evident that he was disposed to justify himself entirely in the course he had taken and to defend his views with regard to the discipline of our Religious Society and to religious aſsociation in general. The committee see no ground to hope that benefit will arise from further labor in the case - Gideon C. Smith, Chas Atherton, Thos Harkness.

Providence 8th Mo. 27th 1845 -

Thomas Harkness is appointed to inform John L. Clark of his disownment and he is desired to report next month.

A certificate granted by this meeting to Mary T. Eldredge, wife of John Eldredge and her daughter Mary T. in the 12th month 1842 to Salem Monthly Meeting was now returned with the following information from that meeting which we unite with the women in accepting. viz.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Calvin Knowles and wife, the women's meeting uniting therein

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Calvin Knowles with his wife Urania having removed to live within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious society of orderly lives and conversation, frequent in the attendance of our meetings when in health and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 31st of 7th month 1845.

Arnold Aldrich } John Osborne } Clerks
Correspondent } Lydia Kelly }

We appoint Charles Atherton, Turner Haskill and William Jenkins to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder; to settle the Treasurers account and they are desired to report next month: and our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate suitable friends for Overseers of Society and of the Poor, Care-takers of Meeting houses, Burying-grounds and funerals and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder

We have received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting by which it appears that the friends therein named have been appointed correspondents in their respective Quarterly Meetings.

We have also received from the Yearly Meeting a copy of the Boarding Scool Committees report which has been read.

Yearly Meeting of Friends For New England 6th Mo. 1845

A Secession in our religious Society having to some extent taken place within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and divers meetings set up bearing the name of and claiming to be meetings of the Society of Friends, we have deemed it a prudent measure— though we trust not actually called for in many of our meetings, on account of any disaffection towards Society within their borders,— in order to relieve our friends abroad from any embarrassment in the acceptance of certificates and other papers from New England to appoint correspondents *in all* our Monthly Meetings, whose duty it shall be to sign all certificates and other papers issued by those meetings respectively, in addition to the usual signing of the clerk. And any one of whom within the limits of their respective Quarterly Meetings, may sign any document issued by such Quarterly Meeting.

In case of removal by death or otherwise of the correspondents now appointed Quarterly Meetings are authorized to supply any vacancies that may occur till the time of our next Yearly Meeting.

From the minutes of said meeting

Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk

Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting

		Post Office address
Rhode Island Mo Meeting	Jethro F. Mitchell	Newport R. I.
Greenwich " "	Rowland Greene	Fiskville "
Swansey " "	Oliver Earle	Swansey Mass.
Providence " "	Samuel Boyd Tobey	Providence R. I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Salem Monthly Meeting	Nathan Breed	Lynn Mass

Seabrook " "	Moses Huntington Jr.	Amesbury,	Ma
Weare " "	Abijah Johnson	Weare	N.H
	Sandwich "	"	
Sandwich " "	Mattiah Gifford	West Falmouth	Mass
Pembroke " "	Calvin Shepherd	Pembroke	"
Nantucket " "	Cromwell Barnard	Nantucket	"
Dartmouth " "	George Almy	N. Dartmouth	"
Westport " "	Samuel Slade	Westport	"
N Bedford " "	John Howland	N Bedford	"
	Falmouth "	"	
Falmouth " "	John W. Minot	Westbrook Steph's Plains P.O.	
Durham " "	Thomas Jones	South Durham	"
Windham " "	Nathan Pope	Windham	"
	Smithfield "	"	
Smithfield " "	Arnold Aldrich	Woonsocket	R.I.
Uxbridge " "	Benjamin Wheeler	Northbridge	Mass-
Richmond " "	Levi Wheeler	Richmond	N.H.
Bolton " "	James N. Fry	Bolton	Mass-
	Vassalborough "	"	
Vassalborough " "	Daniel Taber	Vassalborough	Me-
China " "	Stephen Jones Jr.	Palermo.	"
Unity " "	Joseph Taber	Albion	"
	Dover "	"	
Dover " "	Joseph Tuttle	Dover	N.H.
Berwick " "	John D. Lang	N. Berwick	Maine
Sandwich " "	Benjamin Fry	Centre Sandwich	N.H.
	Fairfield "		
Sidney " "	Samuel Taylor Jr.	Fairfield	Maine
Litchfield " "	Elijah Pope	Hallowell Cross Roads	"
St Albans " "	David Douglass	East St Albans	"
	"		

Ninth Month 1845

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 24 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are from Smithfield Robert Shove and Davis Metcalf - from Providence, Arnold Congdon and Joseph C. Peckham; all present except one for whose absenc a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The clerk being absent Samuel Boyd Tobey was appointed clerk for the day

The Committee appointed last month to propose the names of Clerks and other officers, inform that they have given attention to their appointment, but are not ready to report: they are continued and desir to report next month.

The Committee in the case of Peleg Aldrich inform that they have given further attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report at this time; - they are continued in care of the subject and desired to report to our next meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Mary T. Metcalf as a member of our religio society.

Thomas Harkness reports that he has given John L. Clark information of the conclusion of this meeting in his case.

The Committee appointed to attend our meeting at Scituate informed that they had endeavored to give their attention ~~to the subject~~ on first days; but they apprehended the time was near at hand when some change in regard to the holding of that meeting would be required - They are requested to continue their care and after consultation with the few friends that compose that meeting, report to us next month their sense and judgment in the case. They are also requested to take the necessary care for the preservatio and security of the house.

Tenth Month 1845

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo 29th 1845. — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Joseph Smith; — from Providence, Jonª. Congdon and Stephen Atwater who are present.

The Committee appointed in the 8th Mo. to settle the Treasurer's accounts and to propose the names of Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder, made the following report which being considered is satisfactory to us, and the Friends therein named are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or till an other appointment. *

To Providence Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to visit Peleg Aldrich on account of the communication of the overseers, report that we have attended to our appointment. — he manifested a disposition to remove the cause of complaint by endeavoring to attend our meetings more diligently; and from evidence given of later time, it is our judgment that it will be safe to dismiss his case from the minutes and restore him to the rights of membership. At his request we present the accompanying communication from him to the meeting. All of which is submitted to the Monthly Meeting

Providence 10th Mo. 24th 1845
Turner Haskell
Thomas Harkness
William A. Robinson
Samuel Boyd Tobey

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends — For several years I have been so situated that it seemed extremely difficult if not impossible for me to attend our religious meetings without suffering more loss and inconvenience than I felt willing to sustain. I have it now in prospect so to arrange my outward affairs that I may be able to attend our meetings more regularly in future.

I also certify — it having been hinted that I was not in unity with Friends — that I am in full unity with them, and that I firmly believe their doctrines and testimonies are founded in the Truth and will stand forever.

I remain your friend,
Seekonk 10th Mo. 25th 1845 — Peleg Aldrich

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the usual number answered by our Preparative Meeting:- from the answers the following Summary has been adopted, which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the next Quarterly Meeting by our friends, John Meader, William A. Robinson and James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives.

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To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed for that purpose have examined and settled the Treasurer's account, and find in his hands 8th mo 24th a balance of 107 93/100 Dollars belonging to the Monthly Meeting and 172 23/100 Dollars belonging to the Charitable School Fund. They propose the following names for Offices of this Meeting the ensuing year. viz

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk
Gilbert Congdon assistant Clerk

in place of James Dennis who requested to be released from that service.

Thomas Hackness, Treasurer
Reuben J. Peckham Recorder — Saml Boyd Tobey requesting to be released from that service.

Welcome Congdon }
Joseph C. Peckham } Auditors
Turner Haskell }

For the Committee, William Jenkins

Providence 10th Mo 29th 1845

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the following friends for Officers of Society, the ensuing year. viz

Joseph Metcalf }
Joseph Smith } Overseers of Society

Caleb Paine }
Gideon C. Smith } " " Poor

James Dennis } Caretakers of Meetg House, Fun
Gideon C. Smith } rols, and Burying Grounds at Smithfield

Turner Haskell Davis Metcalf	" " " " " Cumberland
Robert Shove Jacob Metcalf	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the recorder.

Providence Preparative Meeting proposes the following viz.

William Jenkins Jonª Congdon Arnold Congdon Jonª L. Slocum	Overseers of Society
Thomas Harkness Welcome Congdon Samuel Austin	" " Poor.
Jonª Congdon William Jenkins John Reader Thomas Harkness Samuel S. Tobey Jonª L Slocum William A. Robinson Gilbert Congdon	Caretakers of Meeting Houses, funerals, and Burying Grounds at Scituate and Providence

Which nominations are satisfactory to this meeting and the friends named are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or till an other appointment.

The Committee in the case of Peleg Aldrich made the following report and presented the accompanying communication from him, which are accepted and in accordance with the judgment of the committee we restore him to his rights of membership and Gilbert Congdon is desired to inform him of this conclusion and report at our next meeting. (Report and communication 2 pages back)

Our beloved friend John Meader returned at this the certificate granted him in the 7th month last and informed the meeting that he had been enabled to accomplish that part of the service which opened before him to the entire relief and comfort of his mind. He presented also a minute from Alum Creek Quarterly and Indiana Yearly Meeting expressing unity with his company and Gospel labors among them. This information has been satisfactory to us.

The committee to attend Scituate Meeting and extend some care in the case made the following report which is acceptable and in accordance with the judgment of the committee we conclude to discontinue that meeting after First day next, the womens meeting uniting therein; and said Committee are desired to attend the meeting on next First Day and inform the Friends composing it of this conclusion. The committee appointed to-day to have the care of Meeting Houses &c. are requested to take the necessary care of that Meeting House and ~~the~~ other property in that place.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The committee appointed to extend some care to Scituate Meeting, report, that we have continued to attend this Meeting and have conferred with several of the concerned members thereof relative to the apprehension expressed in our last report, that the time was near at hand when some change in regard to holding a meeting at this place would be advisable. We find these friends prepared to unite with us in the judgment, that it may be for the best interests of Society to discontinue for the present the holding of this meeting after next first day.

Whilst we make this proposal to the Monthly Meeting in view of the reduced number and feeble health of the members of that meeting and also of other circumstances in which it is placed; we feel much sympathy for the Friends located in that vicinity and would recommend them to the Christian regard of their brethren and sisters desiring their confidence may continue in the great Head of the Church who will not forsake those who trust in Him.

Prov. 10th m 29th 1843 On behalf of the Committee John Meader Eliz. Meader
Gilbert Congdon Lydia C. Smith

Eleventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 20th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis from Providence Olney Thompson and William Jenkins who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended.

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had given Peleg Aldrich the required information in his case.

We have received at this time the following communication from the Meeting for Sufferings whereupon we appoint James Dennis, Samuel Haskell, Gilbert Congdon, Joseph W. Aldrich and Jonathan L. Slocum to collect the information called for and they are desired to report next month.

This Meeting being introduced into concern on account of the want of information among Friends respecting the number of those who have separated themselves from our religious Society and set up meetings out of its order within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, after having deliberately considered the subject has come to the conclusion to request the several Monthly Meetings belonging to New England Yearly Meeting to furnish the clerk of this meeting with the number of adult Friends male & female with their children of all ages, and also the number of those adults, male and female who have joined with the Separatists whether disowned for so doing or not and likewise the children of such, making a distinction between them and the children of Friends.
And they are also requested to furnish the number of Ministers and Elders in their respective Meetings and the number of those who have joined in the Separation where any have so done. The Monthly Meetings are desired to give attention to this concern as soon as practicable.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting held at Providence the 5th of 11th Mo 1845 Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk"

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Granville Monthly Meeting in favor of Benjamin Hays & wife, the women's meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Benjamin Hays and Lydia his wife having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting; these are therefore to certify on their behalf that they are members of Friends' Society and of this meeting. We therefore recommend them to your Christian care and oversight and remain your friends. Signed by direction of Granville Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 11th 1845.

Jonª W. Potter }
Harris Otis, Correspondent. Vesta Potter } clerks for the day

Twelfth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo 24th 1845. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Turner Haskell, — from Providence Paul Coffin and Jonª. Congdon who are present.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to obtain the information called for by the Meeting for Sufferings, made the following report, which is accepted, and the clerk is directed to forward the information therein contained, to the clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed last month on the request from the Meeting for Sufferings report.

Friends		Separatists	
Adult Males	81	Adult Males	6
Adult Females	132	Adult Females	3
Children	106	Children	12
Ministers	5	Ministers	0
* Elders	4	Elders	0

*Two Elders more were appointed at this meeting.

On behalf of the Committee James Dennis
Jonª L. Slocum
Prov. 12th Mo. 24th 1845 Gilbert Congdon

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that George Almy requests a removal certificate for himself and his wife to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. We appoint Thomas Harkness and Samuel Austin to unite with such Friends as the women's meeting may appoint for the purpose, and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Anna Fiske wife of Isaac Fiske and Mary Clark wife of John L. Clark.

We have received at this time the following minute from Providence Select Preparative Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Providence Select Preparative Meeting are united in proposing to the Monthly Meeting the appointment of Jona. Congdon and William Jenkins to the station of Elders. By direction of said Meeting

Prov. 12th Mo. 24th 1845 Joseph Metcalf, Clerk.

The proposition therein contained claimed our weighty deliberation, and being united with both by this and the women's meeting the friends therein named ~~are~~ ~~appointed~~ are accordingly appointed to that station.

We have received at this time the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting. We conclude to raise for that purpose and for this Meeting's use $723; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer and inform us when accomplished.

"This meeting concludes to raise nine Hundred Dollars for the ensuing year and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer their respective proportions thereof. From the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly held 11th Mo. 6th 1845

Providence Mo. Meeting's proportion David Buffum, Clerk
is Four Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars.

First Month 1846

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 28th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Davis Metcalf: from Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey and Samuel Austin who are present.

The queries have been read at this time and the required number answered by our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been adopted which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, John Meader and James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives

The committee appointed last month to prepare a removal certificate for George B. Almy and wife presented the following which being approved the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

"To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends. George B. Almy having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate for himself and Elizabeth his wife. This may inform you that they are orderly members of our religious Society; and nothing appearing but that George has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction we recommend them to your Christian regard, and are your friends."

We appoint William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, Samuel Austin and Daniel Robinson to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting and they are desired to report the expense to this meeting next month.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on First-day by Friends generally; Mid-week meetings ~~and~~ much neglected by some; the hour nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

3rd Love and Unity are in good degree maintained and Detraction mostly guarded against: no differen has come to our knowledge.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in good measure agreeably to the query and to place Judgment when necessary according to Disciplin

Second Month 1846

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Month 25th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Charles Atherton and Stephen Atwater who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

The representatives to the Q. Meeting informed that they all attended.
The Committee appointed last month to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting made the following report, which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to certify its acceptance. viz:
To Providence Monthly Meeting

We are informed through Smithfield Preparative Meeting that Benjamin F. Knowles requests a removal certificate to Smithfield Monthly Meeting. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Turner Haskill to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next meeting.
Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have raised and paid to our Treasurer One Hundred

and Twenty One Dollars.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in favor of Margaret S. Taft wife of Osmus Taft

We are informed that Jeremiah Robins a member of this meeting has been residing for a considerable time within the limits of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting. We appoint Gilbert Congdon and Samuel Austin to prepare if way should open for it a removal certificate to that Monthly Meeting on his behalf and present it ~~to~~ next month. The same friends are requested if no obstruction appears to prepare a removal certificate to Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Benjamin Earle who is residing within the limits of that Monthly Meeting and present it to this meeting next Month

Third Month 1846-

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Month 25th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Caleb M. Paine and James Dennis, from Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey and Olney Thompson who are present.

Providence Preparative Meeting informs that Six Hundred and Two ($602) Dollars has been raised and paid to our Treasurer.

The friends appointed last month for that service presented the following removal certificates in favor of Benjamin F. Knowles Jeremiah Robins and Benjamin Earle, which being approved the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to the meetings to which they are addressed. viz:

"To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends— Jeremiah Robbins having removed when a minor within the limits of your Monthly Meeting; -this is to inform you that he is a member of this meeting, and as such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends

Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo 25th 1846.

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends— Benjamin Earle son of John Earle

having some time since removed within ~~the~~ your limits, we certify ~~that~~ his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and was when he left us a minor. We recommend him to your Christian oversight and are your friends.
Signed on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 25th 1846.

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Benjamin F. Knowles having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society frequent in the attendance of our religious meetings, of an orderly life and conversation, clear of marriage engagements with us, and on enquiry his outward affairs are settled as far as appears. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends.
Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 25th 1846.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting in favor of Jonathan Freeborne and family the women's meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Jonathan Freeborne, having removed with his minor Children to reside within your limits requests our certificate for himself and them. This may certify that he is a member of our religious Society of an orderly life and conversation, was diligent in the attendance of our meetings while with us, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears and is clear from marriage engagements. — His children Charles Scott, Eliza Almy and Benjamin, are also members of our religious Society and are orderly youths: as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends.

By direction of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2nd Mo. 23d 1846

David Shove } Clerks
Oliver Earle, Correspondent. Laura L. Chace }

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer Four Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars ($423) the sum called for in the 11th mo. last.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened at this time a prospect that had for a considerable time rested with weight upon her mind of attending in Gospel love the approaching Yearly Meeting of New York, of visiting some of the meetings composing Westbury, Purchase and Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting Meetings, and as way may open for it of appointing a few meetings among those not in religious profession with us. Her concern claimed the solid consideration of the meeting, and being fully united with, the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a certificate prepared for her in the women's Meeting.

Fourth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo 29th 1846. The clerk being absent Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Smith and Turner Haskill — from Providence William A. Robinson and Paul Coffin who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled as descriptive of our state which the clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Meader James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our representatives

We have recieved through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication respecting Joseph Harris whereupon we appoint James Dennis, ~~and~~ Gideon C. Smith and Samuel Boyd Tobey to take the case under their care, and in consideration of his remote situation from Friends, they are requested if way should open for it, to correspond with him in relation to the subject and report to a future meeting

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

This is to inform that Joseph Harris of Indian

Town, Illinois has so far transgressed the order of our Discipline as to connect himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us.
Smithfield 4th Mo. 22nd 1846 - Joseph Smith, Overseer -

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Peace Mo. Meeting on behalf of Lydia M. Reed.

~~Queries~~ Answers.

1 All our meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been attended; those on First-Day by most of our members - Mid-week meetings and those for Discipline not so fully attended. The hour generally observed; no unbecoming behavior when assembled except a few cases of Sleeping.

2 Love and Unity in good degree maintained and Detraction mostly guarded against; no differences have come to our Knowledge.

3 Friends manifest a care in bringing up those under their direction in plainness, in restraining them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation: they are mostly pretty good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are, we believe frequently read in Friends families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine, and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of Learning to fit them for business. Care manifest in regard to placing out.

6 Careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.
7th No breach of our testimony in regard to the several parts of this query have come to our Knowledge.

8th Friends manifest a care to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstan

9th Careful as to records. A few removal without certificates under notice.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree according to the Query and to place judgment according to discipline.

Fifth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 Mo. 27th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Caleb Paine and Gideon C. Smith — from Providence Charles Atherton and William A. Robinson who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended

Sixth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 24th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf and Robert Shove:— from Providence Jonathan L. Slocum and Welcome A. Greene who are present.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Jonathan Freeborn requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Butternuts Mo. Meeting State of New York.

We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Jona L. Slocum to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare one on his behalf and present it to this meeting next month.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Smithfield Mo Meeting in favor of Robert Steere the womens meeting uniting therein viz

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Robert Steere having removed to live within your limits requests our certificate - This may certify that he is a member of our Society of an orderly life and conversation, a diligent attender of our meetings and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends -

Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 28th of 5th Month 1846.

Arnold Aldrich Correspondent
John Osborne } Clerks
Lydia Kelly }

Seventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held on the 7th Mo. 29th 1846. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings, are from Smithfield, James Dennis and Davis Metcalf - from Providence, Arnold Congdon and Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed Clerk at this time. The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends, Olney Thompson, James Dennis and Turner Haskill, whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our beloved friend, John Meader, a minister in unity with us, spread before this Meeting a concern, which had, for a length of time, rested with weight upon his mind to attend, if way should open for it, the approaching Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina - to visit some of the Meetings constituting them, and to appoint some meetings, within their limits, among those not in religious profession with Friends. His prospect claimed the solid consideration of this Meeting and was fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue it as Truth may direct. The Clerk is directed to sign the foregoing certificate on our behalf.

The Committee to prepare a certificate to Butternutts Monthly Meeting to enable Jonathan Freeborn to proceed in marriage with a member of that Meeting presented the following which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf

"To Butternuts Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of New York -

(Dear Friends,

Jonathan Freeborn having requested

our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your Meeting; this may inform you that he is a member of our religious Society, and upon inquiry nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding therein."

Signed by direction &c

Our friend Elizabeth Meader at this time returned the certificate granted her by this Meeting in the 3d Month last, and informed us that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she had in prospect to the relief and peace of her mind, which is satisfactory to us. She also presented a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New York Yearly Meeting, held in the 5th Month last, expressing that her company and religious services had been truly acceptable.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate, prepared in the women's meeting, to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, on account of Margaret S Taft, wife of Osmus Taft.

Our friend Caleb M Paine informed this Meeting that he believed it might be right for him to accompany our friend Rowland Greene, through a part or the whole of his proposed religious visit to the Eastern Quarterly Meetings of this Yearly Meeting, and most of the Meetings constituting them, which was approved by this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, he being a member in good esteem with us.

Answers to the Queries

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by most of our members - though some are deficient herein. The hour pretty well observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed, except a few instances of sleeping

1D. Care is taken to deal with offenders in good measure agreeably to the Query, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline

2d. Love and unity, we think, are pretty well maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against - no differences have come to our knowledge.

Eighth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo 26th 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, - from Smithfield James Dennis and Turner Haskill, - from Providence, Thomas Chace and Thomas E. Steere who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended to their appointment

William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness and Joseph Metcalf having been requested by this meeting some time since to ascertain the condition of the Rachel Thayer donation and report the facts to this meeting, made the following report which is satisfactory to us, and it is concluded that the income arising from said donation be appropriated as therein recommended.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Having been requested to ascertain the situation of the donation of Rachel Thayer, we now inform that we have been furnished with the following extract. Item, - I give and bequeath unto Luke Aldrich, Samuel Aldrich and George Smith as trustees of the aforesaid monthly Meeting all my money, bonds and notes for money - except what money I have already ordered to be paid - to be put to interest and the income arising thereby to be for the support and Schooling of the Poor, or any other public use or uses the said Monthly Meeting shall see fit: - and my will is, that the said Trustees and their successors, shall obey the direction of said monthly Meeting.

Extracted from Rachel Thayer's will, approved 2nd Mo. 23d 1767.

We find by the records of Providence Monthly Meeting - 10 Mo 1821 - that the sum of one Hundred pounds (£100) had been set off to that meeting as its proportion of said donation when separated from Smithfield Monthly Meeting - attended to in the above extract -

It further appears by the records that in the 6 Mo. 1830, William Jenkins, Joseph Anthony and Joseph Metcalf were appointed Trustees of the said donation

There is now in the possession of the executrix of the Will of William Jenkins deceased, a note for Three Hundred and Thirty Three and 33/100 Dollars ($333 33/100) dated 1st Mo. 1st 1846. payable to said William Jenkins one of the Trustees.

The interest has from time to time been paid to the Treasurer up the Spring last past, and of latter years credited to the account of the Charitable School Fund and used under the direction of the meeting.

One only of the Trustees appointed in 1830 is now living, but we believe a law of this state a copy of which we find in the meeting's records of 1833 constituting the overseers of the meetings for the time being a body corporate, and as such Trustees of the real and personal property of the Meetings respectively, provides sufficiently for the case; and no action is now necessary on the part of the meeting but placing the evidence of ownership of said donation in the hands of the Treasurer.

As there is now a fund of Eight Hundred Dollars ($800) a donation from Moses Brown, deceased, the income of which is confined exclusively to the education of the children of the poor of the meeting, we are of the opinion that the income from the Rachel Thayer donation should for the present time be paid to the Treasurer to be used for the support of the Poor, and other expenses of the Meeting under its direction. Which we submit to the meeting

William A. Robinson
Thomas Harkness
Prov. 7th Mo. 28th 1846. Joseph Metcalf. "

We have received from the Yearly Meeting the following epistle which has been read to our satisfaction and comfort. viz:

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the Sixth Month 1846.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Being again favored to meet in this our annual assembly and to partake sweetly of the sustaining bread of life through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father who in condescending love has extended his wing of goodness over us, you dear absent Friends, have been brought very feelingly before us, and we have felt concerned to salute you in the fellowship of the unchanging Truth, and to endeavor to convey to you a little of the exercises of this meeting and of the comforts of which we have at this time been permitted to be partakers. We have been made renewedly to feel, and we crave that it may be abidingly impressed upon our hearts, that all our sure mercies come from

God: that He alone can direct us aright, and that it is only as we are engaged to look unto him, continuing steadfastly in watchfulness unto prayer, that we can witness preservation. Many are the evils that abound in the world; multiplied are the snares and temptations that surround us: and very fervent are our desires that, abiding in lowliness of mind, we may sit as at the feet of the blessed Savior, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of his mouth.

In the solemn and important engagement of investigating the State of Society as presented to us at this time, we have been, we trust, exercised before the Lord, and have witnessed his Spirit to be near us; under the influence of which his servants have been qualified to impart pertinent counsel and exhortation, which we desire may be productive of good. Under this engagement, parents were earnestly entreated to be faithful in the duty of attending all our religious meetings to offer unto our Heavenly Father the reasonable service of worship and praise, under a sense of our dependence upon Him: and they were impressively exhorted to be very careful to take their tender offspring with them; that as it pleaseth the Lord often to visit the minds of children in very early life, a lasting blessing might be received by them from this religious care of their parents. We were tenderly and impressively warned to guard against pernicious reading, in the various forms in which it abounds in the present day; not only of that reading which is of a light and frivolous character of a general nature, but also of that to which of later time we have been peculiarly exposed, and which is calculated to lessen our attachment to the Truth and to prejudice our minds in relation to those who feel bound under much suffering faithfully to support it and the precious testimonies and order of our religious Society. A living concern was felt that Friends might promote in their families the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures with hearts turned unto Him who in the riches of his mercy was pleased to inspire his servants of old to write them, and who has ~~[illegible]~~ preserved them for our instruction in righteousness unto the present day, and who condescends to open and apply their precious contents to the humble seeking mind. We were feelingly cited to our individual experience, when in the day of our espousals, we were visited by the Spirit of the Lord, and in tenderness before Him we entered into holy covenant to serve Him, and were earnestly entreated to yield unreservedly to the requirements of truth, that He who has begun a good work in our hearts may carry it on until the day of Jesus Christ. The young were affectionately encouraged to look confidingly unto the Lord for preservation and for strength, that in the end they may wear a crown of life.

And dear young friends, wherever situated, under the feelings of constraining love you are now brought very near to us, and we are drawn fervently to exhort you to beware of the whisperings of our subtle foe, who would lead you to believe it may be allowable for you for the present to turn aside from the safe and narrow way to which in after time you can readily return, or who would insinuate that the self-denying path is too limited for you in the strength of your youth to walk in. He that thus speaks to you is a deceiver. The longer you deviate from this path the more difficult will be your return – the harder the struggles through which you will have to pass, if, happily you are ever restored to the safe enclosure. Submit now in the morning of your days, we entreat you, to the circumscribing power of truth. An early sacrifice is acceptable unto the Lord; and you will witness as you yield to the requirements of duty that the yoke of Christ is easy and his burdens light – that the ways of wisdom are pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

Finally, dear friends, of every age, may we be humbled under a sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father – may we rejoice with trembling in contemplating the provisions of his mercy, in Christ Jesus our Savior. May we submit ourselves in simplicity unto the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the gift of the Father and the Son, and walking in the meekness of wisdom before men, show forth in all our lives and conversation that we are the humble followers of a meek and crucified Savior.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting

Saml Boyd Tobey } Clerks
Hannah Gould Jr. } "

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting together with the Boarding School Committee's report were received and read at this time. Also a copy of the London General Epistle for 1845 has been read and has been truly acceptable to us.

We appoint Joseph Metcalf, Charles Atherton Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jon^{a}. Congdon and James Dennis to propose the names of suitable friends to serve this meeting as Clerk, Assistant Clerk Treasurer and Auditors and they are desired to report next month. They are also request to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and report the state of it to the meeting.

Our Preparative Meetings are also requested to propose the names of friends to serve as overseers of Society and of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds and reporters of births and Deaths to the recorder.

Ninth Month 1846-

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo 23^{d} 1846. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Smith and Davis Metcalf - from Providence Charles Atherton and Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Committee appointed last month to propose the names of Friends for Clerks, Treasurer &c. informed that they had given attention to their appointment but were not ready to report, they are continued and desired to report next month.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Jonathan Freeborn requests a removal certificate for himself and his two minor children Eliza Almy and Benjamin Freeborn to Greenwich Monthly Meeting. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and William A. Robinson to unite with such friends as the women may appoint, and if upon inquiry, no obstruction appears, prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting

We have accepted ~~received~~ the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of George L. Collins, the women's meeting uniting therein. viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

George L. Collins having removed to live within your limits, requests our certificate. We therefore certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Religious Society, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction and is clear of marriage engagements with us; as such we recommend him to your Christian care and regard

Signed by direction and on behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Cranston the 1st of the 6th Mo. 1846.

Perez Peck
Freelove Greene } Clerks

Rowland Greene }
Correspondents }

The Yearly Meeting having again granted to each Monthly Meeting the privilege of sending a Scholar to the Boarding School one term, the Overseers of Society are requested to take the necessary care in connexion with the committee appointed by the Women's meeting in the selection of a suitable subject, and they are desired to inform the acting committee of the School at its next meeting whether the privilege will be occupied the approaching winter or the next summer term.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Tenth Month 1846

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 Mo 28th 1846 - The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are - from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Jacob Metcalf; from Providence Olney Thompson and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks &c. inform that they are not ready to report;- they are continued and desired to report next month.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the required number answered by our Preparative Meetings, from which a summary has been adopted descriptive of our state, which the clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson, Samuel Boyd Tobey and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee appointed in the 4th mo. last in the case of Joseph Harris made at this time the following report which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the Women's meeting uniting therein, and James Dennis is requested to communicate to him this information and report next month.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

We your Committee appointed in the Fourth Month last in the case of Joseph Harris, report, that we gave early attention to our appointment and made such a communication to him in writing as we apprehended was suitable; but to which we have received no reply. Under existing circumstances it is our judgment that farther delay will not probably be productive of benefit which we submit to the meeting.

James Dennis,
Prov. 10th mo. 28th 1846 - Gideon C. Smith,
Saml Boyd Tobey."

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate for Jona Freeborn and his minor children Eliza Almy and Benjamin Freeborn to Greenwich Monthly Meeting presented the following, which being satisfactory the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to that meeting

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends- Jonathan Freeborn having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, requests our certificate for himself and his two minor

children, Eliza Almy and Benjamin Freeborn
This is therefore to certify that he was while with us diligent in the attendance of meetings, of orderly life and conversation, and the necessary inquiry having been made and nothing appearing to prevent we recommend them as members of our religious society to your Christian care, and are your friends.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, and generally by most of our members, though there is a deficiency with a few in the due attendance thereof, some care taken. The hour generally observed; Clear of unbecoming behavior when met a few instances of sleeping excepted

2nd We believe Love and Unity are pretty well maintained, and Detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our Knowledge.

3rd Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good measure according to the Query and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline.

Eleventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 25 1846 The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield John Jencks and Turner Haskell — from Providence Welcome Congdon and Paul Coffin who are present —

The Committee to propose the names of Friends, to serve this Meeting as Clerks, Auditors and recorder, ~~and~~ to examine and settle the Treasurers account and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, made the following report, which is satisfactory, and the Friends therein named are appointed to those offices respectively, for the ensuing year, or until another appointment —

To Providence, Monthly Meeting

The committee to examine and settle the Treasurers account and propose a Treasurer, report, that we have attended to our appointment and find a balance in his hands of One hundred fourteen & 88/100 Dollars, and propose Thomas Harkness for Treasurer which is submitted to the Meeting by Joseph Metcalf on behalf of the committee

Providence 10th mo 30th 1846

And also that there is in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the Charitable School fund of the Monthly Meeting a balance of One hundred thirty eight & 24/100 Dollars ($138 24/100)

We would propose, Gilbert Congdon for Clerk
Gideon C Smith for assistant
for Auditors
Welcome Congdon
Joseph C Peckham
Sereno Haskell

For recorder Reuben J Peckham

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended

Smithfield Preparative propose the following friends for Officers of Society.

Joseph Metcalf Joseph Smith James Dennis	Overseers of Society
Gideon C Smith Caleb Paine	Overseers of the Poor
Davis Metcalf Sereno Haskell	Caretakers of Meeting House Funerals & burying ground at Cumberland
James Dennis Gideon C Smith	Same service at Smithfield
Robert Shove Jacob Metcalf	Reporters of Births & deaths to Recorder

And Providence Preparative Meeting propose the following

Jonᵃ Congdon Arnold Congdon Jonathan L Slocum	Overseers of Society
Thomas Harkness Welcome Congdon Saml Austin	Overseers of the Poor
Jonᵃ Congdon John Meader Thomas Harkness Saml Boyd Tobey William A Robinson Gilbert Congdon	Caretakers of Meeting Houses Furniture &c at Scituate and Providence
David Robinson Thomas Chace	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

which nominations are satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends named are appointed to the services designated for the year ensuing or until another appointment, with the exception of Arnold Congdon, who ~~on account of~~ desires to be released on account of his impaired health.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting and we conclude to raise the sum of Seven Hundred & thirty Dollars for this, and the Quarterly Meetings use. The Preparative Meetings are requested to collect and forward to our Treasurer this amount—

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 5th 1846

It was concluded to raise the sum of Nine hundred and twenty five dollars, for the use of the Meeting, and the several Mo. Meetings were requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer, their respective proportion of said sum; Providence Mo. Meetings proportion is four hundred thirty four dollars 75 cents

$434 75 (47 per cent) David Buffum Clerk

James Dennis ~~informed~~ reported that he had forwarded the information to Joseph Harris as directed

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins a Minister in unity informed this Meeting that she has had a prospect for some ~~a considerable length~~ time past of visiting the families of Friends within the limits of this ~~Monthly~~ Meeting, also of visiting some of the Meetings composing Salem Quarterly Meeting — Her concern was fully united with and she left at liberty to attend thereto as best Wisdom may direct, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the Women's Meeting —

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Meader a Minister in unity also informed this Meeting that she has felt for some time past a concern to visit the families of Friends within the limits of this Meeting, that she believed it right now to stand resigned to the service, and to accompany our dear Friend Anna A Jenkins in a similar prospect, which was fully united with —

We appoint Thomas Harkness and John Meader a committee, with whom our Friends Anna A Jenkins and Elisabeth Meader may advise in the prosecution of their proposed religious engagements —

Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

Twelfth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 30. 1846

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C Smith & Jos. Metcalf, from Providence Olney Thompson & Stephen Attwater, who are present.

We have accepted the following removal certificate on behalf ~~on behalf~~ of Salisbury Sprague, the Women's Meeting uniting therein —

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Salisbury Sprague having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting, this is to certify that he is a member of our Meeting, and of an orderly life; and on inquiry we do not find but that he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction — As such we recommend him to your Christian care

Signed on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting held the 26th of the 6th month 1845
By John Milton Earle Clerk
Sarah H Earle Clerk
Benj Wheeler Correspondent.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in disowning Alice Chace as a Member of our religious Society —

Our beloved Friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 7th mo. last, (see post) = He also produced the following minutes, which together with the information communicated by him relative to his journey are satisfactory & comforting to us —

Our beloved Friend John Meader attended this Meeting acceptably

Signed by direction and on behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 19th to the 22nd of the 10th mo (inclusive) 1846
Hugh Balderston }
Hannah Talbott }

Our beloved Friend John Meader acceptably attended this Meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends dated the 29th of 7th mo. 1846, & endorsed by R.I. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 8th mo 6. 1846, expressive of a concern to visit Baltimore & N. Carolina Y. Meetings, & some other Meetings as way might open, whose company & gospel labours amongst us have been satisfactory & edifying

Signed on behalf & by direction of N. Carolina Y. Meeting of Friends held at New Garden from the 2nd to the 5th of the 11th month 1846
Aaron Stalker } Clerks
Abigail H Stanley }

= with the information that he had been favoured to ~~accomplish the service he had in view~~ prospect to the entire relief & peace of his mind

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time the minute granted her last month, with the information that she had been favoured to attend to this service, and also to accomplish her prospect of visiting families, to the entire relief and peace of her mind — She produced a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressing that her company and religious services at that, and at several Meetings within its limits had been satisfactory, which is satisfactory us—

Our beloved friend Elisabeth Meader informed this Meeting that she had been favoured to accomplish the prospect she spread before the Meeting last month, to the entire relief and peace of her mind, which is satisfactory to us—

Our Friend Caleb M Paine returned at this time the minute granted him last 7th month, and presented copies of Minutes from Fairfield Vassalborough, Falmouth Dover and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and from St. Albans Unity. Dover Weare and Sandwich Monthly meetings expressing that his company had been satisfactory — which is satisfactory to us—

1st Month 1847. At Providence

Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 27. 1847

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf Gideon C Smith, from Providence Wm A Robinson and John Meader who are present

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of our ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends Jos. Metcalf Tho. Harkness & Chas Atherton, whom we appoint our representatives—

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended — Those held on the first day of the week by most Friends — Midweek Meetings and those for discipline are neglected by some — The hour is nearly observed, some instances of sleeping in a few at times — Of other unbecoming behaviour we know not but clear — some care taken in the above deficiencies —

Ans 2d Love and Unity we believe in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against — no differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good measure according to the Query and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline —

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of this Meeting, Two hundred dollars of the sum called for in the Eleventh Month last —

We appoint Jos. C. Peckam & Welcome Congdon a committee to make the necessary provision for the accomodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, and they are requested to report at our next Meeting

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 24th 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & James Dennis, from Providence Jona Congdon & Jos C Peckam

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting informed that they all attended —

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to make provision for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting, report the expense to have been 27 Dollars 3 cents, which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to certify the same —

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that as the services of our friends Olney & Lydia Thompson, at the Boarding School, are drawing to a close they request a removal certificate to Dover Monthly Meeting for themselves & their adopted daughter Maria Pinkham

We appoint Jona Congdon John Meader and Jona L. Slocum to unite with such Friends as the womens Meeting may —

appoint for that service, make the necessary enquiry, and if no obstruction appears, prepare one on their behalf and present it at our next Meeting—

We unite with the Womens Meeting in Disowning Lepha Chase as a Member of our religious Society

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected & paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting Dols 550 towards the amot. called for in the Eleventh Mo last.

We have received at this time the following communication from the Meeting for Sufferings.

At a Meeting for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting, held in Providence 3d. of 2d. Month 1847

Information being at this time recd. that in consequence of the principal means of subsistence of the poorer class of the people in Ireland having been cut off much suffering exists in various parts of that Country, and that Friends there and in England and elsewhere have contributed and are now contributing liberally for their relief and a circular upon the subject issued by Friends in England addressed to Friends in North America having been received and read at this time it is the conclusion of this Meeting to recommend the subject to the consideration of our Monthly Meetings, in order that Friends may enter into subscriptions for their relief if way should open for it; and we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Peter Peck, John Meader, John Osborn, John D Lang, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf and Saml. Boyce a committee to whom such subscriptions as may be obtained may be forwarded who are requested to take charge thereof and forward the same so that it shall be applied in such way as shall most effectually relieve the wants of those for whom it is intended.

A copy of the circular referred to, is herewith forwarded

Signed on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid
Saml. Boyce, Clerk.

We have also received the accompanying address above referred to, confirming the accounts of the Sufferings of many of our fellow Creatures in Ireland, and inviting the sympathy and aid of Friends on this side of the Atlantic

This affecting subject thus brought before us, claimed our consideration, and we recommend it to the Christian Commiseration of our Members—

This Meeting directs our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting 434 Dols, 75 cts. the amot called for by that Meeting in the 11th mo. last –

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo 24. 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings, are from Smithfield James Dennis & Jacob Metcalf, from Providence, Saml. Austin & Paul Coffin who are present –

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to prepare a removal certificate on behalf of Olney Thompson & family presented the following which is satisfactory & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Dover Mo. Meeting of Friends – Dear Friends – Olney Thompson being about to remove with his family, viz his wife Lydia Thompson, & adopted daughter Maria Pinkham, to reside within the limits of your Meeting and having requested our certificate ——— This may certify on their behalf, that they are members of this Meeting, exemplary in their lives & conversation, & diligent in the attendance of Meetings – Their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears – Olney being a Minister & Lydia an Elder in unity with us as such we recommend them to your christian care, and are your friends, Signed by direction & on behalf of Prov. Mo. Meeting of Friends held 3d mo 24th 1847

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

Samuel Boyd Tobey Correspondent   Sarah F. Tobey Clerk

We have recd. the following communication through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Saml. Herrington, – To the Preparative Meeting – Saml. Herrington has for a long time entirely neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings on which account the overseers have several times labored with him, but without producing the desired change in his course – His mind seems so alienated from Friends that it appears to us further care on our part will not be useful

Jona Congdon }
Jona L Slocum } overseers

Prov. 3d mo 18. 1847

We appoint Tho. Harkness, Saml. Boyd Tobey & James Dennis to visit him on the account & they are desired to report at our next Meeting –

Application being made for a removal certificate to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, on behalf of Salisbury Sprague we appoint Gideon C Smith & James Dennis to make the necessary enquiry & if no obstruction appears prepare one & present it at our next Meeting —

We unite with the Womens Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swansey Mo. Meeting, on behalf of Phebe Robinson —

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Meader, a minister in Unity spread before this Meeting a prospect, that has rested with weight upon her mind for some time past, to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in Philadelphia — Her concern claimed our solid consideration, & was fully united with; And she left at liberty to attend thereto as Best Wisdom may direct — The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a copy of a minute prepared in the Womens Meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo 28. 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C Smith & Turner Haskell from Providence Jona Congdon & Wm. A Robinson who are present excepting one —

The clerk being absent Jona L Slocum is appointed clerk for the day

The queries have been read at this time with answers from our Preparative Meetings from which the following Summary has been adopted as as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness Jos Metcalf & Jona L Slocum whom we appoint our representatives —

Our proportion of Stock called for in the 11th mo. has been paid to your treasurer

~~The~~
The Committee in the case of Saml [illegible] informed that they had given some attention to their appointment but were not ready to make a full report — They are continued in care of the case and desired to report next month.

the Committee to prepare a removal certificate to Uxbridge Mo. Meeting on behalf of Salisbury Sprague presented the following which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to that Meeting —

To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Salsbury Sprague having removed to live within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting, and was while with us of an orderly life and conversation frequent in the attendance of Meetings, and as far as appears his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction, As such we recommend him to your christian care and are your Friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 4th mo 1847. Jona L Slocum clerk for the day

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Joseph T Sisson — We appoint Thomas Harkemp & Surm Haskell to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next Meeting -

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting —
Jos. T. Sisson has for a long time wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings, and does not conform in dress & address to the requisitions of our discipline on which account he has been treated with, without producing any favourable result, which is submitted to the Meeting
Smithfield 4 mo 20th 1847 James Dennis Overseer

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended – and generally by most of our members, though there is a remissness on the part of a few in the performance of this duty; the hour is pretty well observed; mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour when met, excepting a few cases of sleeping at times – Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 2nd Love and Unity we believe are pretty well maintained and Detraction generally guarded against — no differences that we know of.

Ans 3rd Friends generally manifest a care to bring up ~~their children~~ those under their direction in plainness, though more care on the part of few we think is necessary — generally careful as to pernicious reading and corrupt conversation and pretty good examples themselves — The Holy Scriptures we believe we are frequently read in most Friends families —

Ans 4th We believe Friends are generally careful to observe the several parts of this query.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the Poor appear to be attended to & their necessities relieved — their children recieve the necessary instructions to prepare them for business — Care is manifest in regard to placing out —

Ans 6th Parents & heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful in these respects —

Ans 7th We know of no breach of our testimony in these ~~respects~~ particulars —

Ans 8th Friends manifest a care to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful as to records. A few ~~certificates~~ removals without certificates; some care taken —

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders agreeably to the query, and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline —

At Providence Monthly Meeting Of Friends held 5th mo 26 1847 =

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield John Jencks & Davis Metcalf from Providence Wm A Robinson & Tho. Chace who are present -

The Committee appointed in the 3 mo. last in the case of Saml Herrington, made the following report which is accepted & we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the Women's meeting uniting therein -

To Providence Mo. Meeting

We the Committee appointed to visit Saml Herrington on account of the communication of the Overseers - report - that we have attended to our appointment - He acknowledged the correctness of the complaint but manifested no disposition to change his course or any desire to continue a member of our religious Society - and it is our judgment that farther labor in his case will not probably be productive of benefit -

Thomas Harkness
Samuel Boyd Tobey
James Dennis

Providence 5 mo 17th 1847

Thomas Harkness is appointed to inform Saml Herrington of the ~~conclusion~~ decision of the Meeting in his case & ~~he is~~ desired to report at our next Meeting -

The Committee in the case of Jos. T. Sisson made the following report, which is accepted & we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society - the Women's Meeting uniting therein —

To Providence Monthly Meeting

Agreeably to appointment we have visited Jos. T. Sisson, on the complaint of one of the Overseers - He treated us kindly and freely acknowledged the correctness of the complaint, but manifested no disposition of a change in his course, we are of the opinion that further labor would not prove profitable - which we submit to the Meeting

Prov. 5 mo 8th 1847

Thomas Harkness
Turner Haskell

Gideon C Smith is appointed to inform ~~him~~ of the conclusion of the Meeting in his case & is desired to report at our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Elisabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 3rd mo last, with the information that she had accomplished the visit, to the peace of her mind, which is satisfactory to us—

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended—

We unite with the Women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Swansey Mo. Meeting in favor of Harriet Gifford—

We have received the following extract from the minutes of Dover Mo. Meeting, accompanied by a copy of the complaint made to that Meeting by its Overseers—

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends—

Dear Friends, The Committee appointed to visit Benjamin Meader informed this Meeting that they had given attention to their appointment, but on account of his having removed from the limits of this Meeting, way did not seem likely to open for a satisfactory report— It is therefore concluded to forward the complaint to Providence Mo. Meeting within the limits of which he now resides and request Friends of that Meeting to extend the necessary care in his case

The Clerk is directed to forward an extract of the above minute together with the complaint, accordingly

Extracted from the minutes of Dover Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Dover 2 mo. 24th 1847, by direction aforesaid

Jos. Tuttle, Correspondent   Benjamin H Jones Clerk

Copy— To Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends

Benjamin Meader a member of this Meeting has married a woman not a member of our Society contrary to our Discipline —— which we submit

Dover 4th Mo 8. 1846   Jona Dame
Jacob K Purington } Overseers

Jos. Tuttle — Correspondent } Extracted from the original Benj H Jones Clerk

We appoint Jona L Slocum, Chas. Atherton & Tho. Harkness, to visit Benjamin Meader on this account, and they are desired to report at our next Meeting.

We have received an extract from the minutes of Salem Quarterly Meeting held in the 1st mo last— of a similar import to those presented by Caleb N Paine to this Meeting in the 12th mo last—and which is also satisfactory to us—

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 23. 1847

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Mitcalf & Robert Shove, from Providence Jon^a L Slocum & Reuben J Peckam, who are present.

Our beloved Friend Charles Haviland attended this Meeting & produced certificates of unity & concurrence ~~from~~ from Raisin Monthly & Adrian Quarterly Meetings held in the 3 mo last— his company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Tho Harkness reported that he had informed Saml. Harrington of the decision of the Meeting in his case

Gideon C Smith reported that he had informed Jos. T. Sisson of the decision of the Meeting in his case.

The committee in the case of Benj Meader informed that they had given attention to their appointment but were not prepared to make a full report— They are continued in care of the case & desired to report at our next Meeting

Our esteemed Friends Silas Cornell & Sarah M Cornell his wife, presented the following minute which is satisfactory to us.—

To Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends in the State of Rhode Island— Dear Friends— Our Esteemed Friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M Cornell his wife, informed this Meeting that they had a prospect of spending a considerable time within the limits of your meeting; we therefore certify that they are members of this Meeting, and Elders in unity with us; we commend them to your christian regard and sympathy.

Signed by direction of Rotchester Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rotchester 4 mo 30. 1847 N.Y.

by David Bell } Clerks
Elisabeth Bell

Silas Cornell was the correspondent for Rochester Mo. Meeting

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Seabrook Mo. Meeting on behalf of Geo F. Folsom, the womens meeting uniting therein –

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I.

Dear Friends — Geo F. Folsom having removed to reside within the limits of your Monthly Meeting requests a certificate from our Meeting to yours — This may certify that he is a member of our Meeting and on enquiry his outward affairs are adjusted to our satisfaction as far as appears — We recommend him to your Christian care & oversight.

Signed on behalf of Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Pittsfield 3rd of 6th mo 1847

Danl Bude Clerk

Moses Huntington Correspondent } Abigail Peaslee Clerk for the day

Our Esteemed Friend Sarah L Haviland attended this meeting & produced a minute of concurrence from the Mo. Meeting of Raisin – Michigan – Her company has been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute of a similar import –

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 28. 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Jos. Metcalf & James Dennis from Providence Wm A Robinson & Welcome A Greene who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which ~~a summary~~ the following has been ~~[illegible]~~ adopted as descriptive of our state which we forward the information of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Saml Boyd Tobey, Davis Metcalf & James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives –

Answers to the Queries

1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended; and those on the first day of the week by most of our members – Mid week Meetings & those for Discipline not so well attended. The hour generally observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed a few cases of sleeping excepted.

2° We believe love & unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree agreeably to the query and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline

The Committee appointed in the 5th mo last to visit Benjn Meader presented the following report & communication from him, which are satisfactory and this Meeting ~~would~~ unite, with Dover Meeting in restoring him to the privileges of membership in our Society, should that Meeting come to this conclusion. The clerk is directed to furnish Dover Mo Meeting with a copy of the foregoing -

To the Monthly Meeting
The Committee appointed to visit Benjn Meader on account of a communication from Dover Monthly Meeting report; that they have had a full & satisfactory ~~repose~~ opportunity with him. He manifested a willingness to make Friends satisfaction and a desire to be restored to the rights & privileges of Society as expressed in the subjoined communication

Chas Atherton
Providence 7 mo 27th 1847
Jona L. Slocum
Thomas H. Kemp

Dear Friends
I acknowledge my transgression and desire that you may pass it by and I hope that I may be preserved from again deviating from the good order of society.
Benj. Meader
Providence 7 mo 1847

We have received the following communication through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning John Brown.
To the Monthly Meeting.
It has recently come to our knowledge that John Brown [illegible] while living remote from us, connected himself in marriage with a person not of our religious Society,

contrary to our Discipline and that within a few months past he has applied for and obtained a divorce from his wife

Jon^a Congdon }
Jon^a L Slocum } Overseers
Providence 7mo 19. 1847

We appoint Jos. Metcalf, Th. Harkness & John Meader to visit him on the account & they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

We have received the following communication from Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Calvin Shove

To the Monthly Meeting.

We would inform that Calvin Shove has for many months past almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings; on which account we have labored with him without producing the desired change in his course

Jon^a Congdon }
Jon^a L Slocum } Overseers
Providence 7mo 22 1847.

We appoint Turner Haskell & Wm A. Robinson to visit him on the account & they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Greenwich Mo Meeting ~~in accepting a removal certificate for one Emma~~ behalf of Sarah L. [illegible]

We unite with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Uxbridge Mo. Meeting on behalf of Eleanor Coslin.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 25 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Danl Mitchell & Turner Haskell from Providence Jon^a L Slocum & Jos C Peckham who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended.

The Committee in the case of John Brown informed that they had given attention to their appointment, but were not ready to make a full report at this time; they are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Calvin Shove informed that they had given attention to their appointment, but were not ready to make a full report at this time. They are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting.

We are informed through Smithfield Preparative Meeting that Caleb H Paine requests the care of Friends on behalf of Henry A Paine, a Minor under his care — We appoint James Dennis & Gideon C Smith to give attention to the subject & they are desired to report to our next Meeting —

We have received at this time through the Quarterly Meeting a copy of the printed extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting. The opportunity thus ~~afforded~~ had by the reading thereof of participating in the exercises of that Meeting has afforded us edification & comfort. We have also received a copy of the report of the Boarding School Committee, accompanying the above, which is satisfactory to us.

We appoint Tho. Harkness, Turner Haskell & Gideon C Smith to select a suitable subject, to occupy the privilege granted by the Y. Meeting to each Monthly Meeting of sending one Scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding Summer Term —

We have received through the Quarterly Meeting copies of the printed articles on the subject of Marriage adopted as discipline by our last Y. Meeting, with the request that the be inserted in the Books of Discipline in use by the Subordinate Meetings ~~and that the Meetings be requested to insert the same in all the Books of Discipline in use by the Meetings within their respective limits~~ — We appoint Gilbert Congdon to attend to the insertion thereof, in the books of discipline in use by the Meetings constituting this Meeting & he is desired to report at a subsequent meeting =

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th m. 29. 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & John Jencks, from Providence Wm A Robinson & Stephen Atwater, who are present.

The Committee in the case of John Brown presented the following report, which is accepted, & with the unity of the Women's Meeting we accordingly disown him as a member of our Religious Society - We appoint Gilbert Congdon to inform him of the conclusion of the Meeting in his case and report to our next Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.
The Committee appointed to visit John Brown on account of a complaint from the Overseers - Report that we have had several opportunities with him, he acknowledges the correctness of the complaint and expressed a wish to be continued a member, but after mature deliberation it does not appear to us, that he is in a situation to make Friends satisfaction - which we submit to the Meeting

Providence 9mo 25 1847

Joseph Metcalf
John Meader
Thomas Harkness

The Committee appointed in the 7th mo last in the case of Calvin Shove reported that they had given further attention to their appointment but were not ready to make a full report at this time; they are continued & desired to report to our next Meeting -

The Committee ~~in the case of~~ appointed last month respecting the request of Caleb W Paine, presented the following report which is ~~satisfactory~~ accepted & with ~~the~~ unity of the Women's meeting, we accordingly receive Henry A Paine, a minor, as a member of our religious Society.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends - We the Committee appointed to take into consideration the request of Caleb W Paine, report

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North Providence 9mo 27th 1847
James Dennis
Gideon C Smith

Gilbert Congdon appointed last month to attend to the insertion of the printed discipline, reported that the proposed service has been accomplished

We appoint Thomas Harkness Turner Haskell & Jon.n L Slocum, to propose the names of suitable Friends to serve this Meeting as clerk, assistant Clerk, Treasurer auditors & recorder, & to examine & settle the Treasurer's account, and they are desired to report next month.

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate suitable Friends for Overseers of Society & of the poor. Care-takers of Meeting Houses Burial Grounds & funerals; and Reporters of Births & deaths to the Recorder

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo 27 1847

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Caleb M Paine, from Providence Thomas Harkness & Tho. Chace who are present -

The Committee to propose the names of officers for this Meeting presented the following report, which was approved, and the Friends therein named were appointed to the respective offices designated, for the ensuing year or until another appointment

To the Monthly Meeting - The committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerk, assistant Clerk, Treasurer Auditors and Recorder and to settle the Treasurer's account, report that they have attended to their appointment and would propose the following friends for those offices respectively viz

For Clerk Gilbert Congdon
Assistant Gideon C Smith
Treasurer Thomas Harkness
Auditors Welcome Congdon Jos C Peckham & Turner Haskell
Recorder Reuben Peckham

They find upon settlement of the Treasurer's account a balan in his hands of $\$130\tfrac{13}{100}$, belonging to the Meeting, and $\$4\tfrac{24}{100}$ belonging to the Charitable School Fund

Providence 10mo 27, 1847

Jona L Slocum
Thomas Harkness
Turner Haskell

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our Preparative, from which the following have been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Saml Boyd Tobey Turner Haskell & John Meader, whom we appoint our representatives

Answers to the Queries

1st All our Meetings for Worship & discipline have been attended, those on the first day of the week, by the greater part of Friends — Midweek Meetings & those for discipline we fear are too much neglected by some of our Members, The hour nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour a few instances of sleeping excepted — Some care taken in the above exceptions —

2d Love and unity appear to be in good degree maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against, No differences have come to our knowledge

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with all offenders in good measure as queried after, and for placing judgment when necessary according to our discipline

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had informed John Brown of the decision of the Meeting in his case —

The Committee in the case of Calvin Shove informed that they ~~were~~ not ready to report — They are continued & desired to report at a future Meeting —

We ~~are~~ informed through Smithfield Preparative Meeting that Benjamin Barker & Catharine J Dennis (the former not a member of this meeting) propose publishing their intentions of marriage at this time ~~meeting~~, ~~And~~ we have accordingly received the following communication from ~~them~~, the Parties ~~Catharine Dennis a member of this meeting~~ — The further consideration of the subject is referred to our next Meeting —

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

With Divine permission and Friends approbation we intend marriage with each other

Benjamin Bar
Catharine J. Dennis

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Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins, a Minister in unity with us informed this Meeting that she has felt for some time a concern to ~~perform~~ make a religious visit to the members of Nantucket Mo. Meeting of Friends; to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends next to be held at N Bedford, & to attend to such other religious engagements as her mind may be drawn to — Her prospect claimed our consideration & was fully united with & the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf a copy of a minute of similar import made in the Womens Meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 24th 1847

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Stephen Attwater & Charles Atherton, who are present.

The Representatives to the quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Calvin Shove informed the Meeting that they are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued & desired to report at a future Meeting.—

We have recd. the following certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends on behalf of Benjamin Barker & also the following communication from his surviving Parent, This Meeting accordingly leaves him at liberty to accomplish his intended marriage according to our discipline; and we appoint Gideon C Smith & Saml B. Tobey to attend it and extend the usual care in the case, present the certificate for record & report to our next Meeting

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Benjamin Barker, having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your Meeting, This may certify that on enquiry nothing appears to prevent him from proceeding therein, he being a member of this Meeting—

From Rhode Island Mo. Meeting of Friends held 11 mo 28 1847

David Buffum Clerk

To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends— My Son Benjamin has my consent to proceed in marriage with Catherine J Dennis

Tiverton 11th mo. 20th 1847

Abm Barker

Smithfield Preparative Meeting propose the following Friends for Offices

Joseph Metcalf
James Dennis } Overseers of Society

Caleb Paine
Gideon C Smith } overseers of the Poor

Turner Haskell
Davis Metcalf } Caretakers Meeting house burying Ground & funerals at Cumberland

James Dennis
Gideon C Smith } For the same service at Smithfield

Robert Shove
Jacob Metcalf } Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder —

And Providence Preparative Meeting propose the following

Jonª Congdon
Thos. Hartshorn
Gilbert Congdon } overseers of Society.

Thomas Hartshorn
Welcome Congdon
Jos C Peckham } Overseers of the Poor

Jonª Congdon
John Meader
Saml B Tobey
William A Robinson

Welcome Congdon
Reuben J Peckham
Stephen Attwater } Caretakers of Meeting house Funerals & Burying Grounds,

Thomas C Steere
Geo L Collins } Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder

which nominations are satisfactory, and the friends named are appointed for the services designated for the year ensuing —

We have recd an extract from the minutes of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends of 8mo last, informing that Benjamin H Meader has been restored to the rights & privileges of Society, and ~~requesting~~ us to ~~inf~~ communicate this information to him — We accordingly appoint Thos Hartshorn to inform him of the conclusion of Dover Monthly Meeting in his case & report to our next meeting —

We have recd through the Quarterly Meeting a number of the London general Epistle for the present year, the reading of one of which at this ~~present~~ time has been satisfactory & edifying to us —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 29th 1847. The representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Danl. Mitchell — from Providence Jona L. Slocum [illegible] who are present.

The Committee appointed last month to attend the marriage of ~~Abraha~~ Benjamin Barker & Catharine J. Dennis made the following report which is satisfactory to us — To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends —
The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of Benjamin Barker & Catharine J. Dennis, report that they attended to their appointment and that the marriage was conducted orderly, and that they furnished the recorder with a certificate for record — Gideon C. Smith } for the Committee
North Providence 12th mo 27th 1847

Thomas Harkness reported that he had informed Benj H. Meader of the decision of Dover Monthly Meeting in his case —

Our beloved friend John Meader opened at this time a concern that had for sometime rested with him of attending Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings and of holding some Meetings with Friends and others, should way open for it in the course of the journey. After deliberate consideration his prospect was united with and he left at liberty to attend to it as Truth may open the way, being a Minister in unity with us —

The Clerk being absent Jona L Slocum was appointed clerk for the day

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time the minute granted her in the 10th mo last, and informed us, that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect to the relief and peace of her mind. She also presented minutes from Nantucket Monthly ~~Meeting~~ and New Bedford Quarterly Meetings expressive of their unity with her gospel labors among them which information is satisfactory to us —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 26th 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis, from Providence Wm A Robinson & Saml. Austin who are present –

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the first, second & tenth, from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Jos. Metcalf, Tho. Harkness & Gideon C Smith, whom we appoint our Representatives –

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, and those on the first day of the week by most of our members – Meetings in the middle of the week, and ~~those~~ for discipline not so fully attended – The hour pretty well observed – Clear of unbecoming behaviour in Meetings, a few instances of sleeping excepted – some care taken in the above exceptions –

Ans 2d. Love and unity are generally maintained, Detraction mostly guarded against – Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear –

Ans 10th We believe there is a good degree of care resting on the minds of Friends to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment according to discipline –

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that David Buffum Lawton a Minor has removed to reside within the limits of Smithfield Monthly Meeting – We appoint Wm A Robinson & Tho Harkness, to ~~give~~ attend to the case & if no obstruction appears, prepare a certificate & present it to our next meeting –

We appoint Welcome Congdon and Wm A Robinson a committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the ~~ensuing~~ approaching Quarterly meeting & they are requested to report to our next meeting –

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We have united with the women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Salem ~~Quarterly~~ Monthly Meeting on behalf of Sarah Rodman.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2mo 23. 1848.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Chas. Atherton & Saml. Austin, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended.

We unite with the women's Meeting in receiving Nancy Haskins as a Member of our religious Society.

The Committee in the case of Calvin Shove presented the following report, which is accepted, and with the unity of the women's meeting we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, and Welcome Congdon is appointed to inform him of our decision in his case and report to our next Meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting. Your Committee appointed some months since to visit Calvin Shove on account of the complaint brought against him report that they have given attention to the subject & find no reason to expect improvement in his course in relation thereto. He expressed no willingness to make Friends satisfaction, is not we believe desirous of retaining his right of membership, & we think further labour is not called for. Providence 2mo 18, 1848.

Turner Haskell }
William A Robinson } Committee

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate on behalf of David Buffum Lawton, presented the following, which is satisfactory & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf & forward it to S. Monthly Meeting.

To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends. David Buffum Lawton a minor having removed to reside within your limits, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting and as such we recommend him to your christian care, and are your friends. Signed in & by direction

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to make provision for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting reports the expense to have been Twenty four dollars 9 Cents which is satisfactory & the Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the same.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting; and we conclude to raise. Three hundred & sixty five dollars for the use of this & the Quarterly Meeting & our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect & forward to ~~our~~ Treasurer this amount -

At. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd mo 3. 1848 The representatives, to whom the subject of a new apportionment of Stock among the Monthly Meetings was referred, reported the following viz R Island 28% Greenwich 10. Swansey 12. Providence 48 and South Kingston 2 which is accepted by the Meeting and the Mo. Meetings are desired to forward their proportions of the $500 called for last quarter in accordance therewith to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. Providence Mo. Meetings proportion is two hundred and forty dollars $240 - David Buffum Clerk —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3mo 29th 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis, from Providence Jos. C Peckam & Stephen Attwater, who are present.

Our beloved Friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 12th mo last, with the information that he had been favoured to attend to the concern he then had in prospect to the entire relief & peace of his mind, He also presented minutes from Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings expressing satisfaction in his company & religious services - which is satisfactory to us.

Welcome Congdon reported that he had given Calvin Shove information of the decision of this Meeting in his case

Our beloved Friend John Meader, an approved minister in unity with Friends, opened in this Meeting a prospect of attending in Gospel love, if way & route open for it, the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in Phil.a — after deliberate consideration his concern was fully united with & he left at liberty to attend to the same as Truth may direct. And the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf ~~[illegible]~~ a copy of the forgoing ~~&~~ The

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appoint Tho. Harkness, Jos. Metcalf & Wm. A. Robinson a Committee with whom our friend may confer upon any subjects relative to his proposed visit —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 26th 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Davis Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Tho. Harkness & Saml Austin who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from our Preparative Meetings from which the following Summary has been ~~adopted~~ prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, Gideon C Smith & Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our Representatives -

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended, although there is a remissness in some of our members in the due attendance thereof, particularly in the middle of the week; the hour is nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted -

Ans 2. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against, endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans 3d Friends manifest a care in bringing up those under their direction in plainness, in restraining them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation, they are mostly pretty good examples themselves, and the holy scriptures are we believe frequently in Friends families

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors, with one exception, Mostly careful to observe moderation in the cases referred to; some care taken in the above deficiency.

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved, their children receive the necessary instruction to prepare them for business, none placed out that have come to our knowledge-

Ans 6th Most Friends ~~manifest a care to observe~~ ~~[illegible]~~ are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th We know of no breach of this query

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful as to records, a few instances of removals without certificates, some care taken.

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree, according to the query, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Our beloved Friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him last month, with the information that he had attended Phil^a Yearly Meeting and in returning to his family & friends was favored with a peaceful mind - which is satisfactory to us -

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have forwarded to our Treasurer 73 Dollars, of the amount called for in the 2d mo.

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that they have paid to our Treasurer 300 Dollars -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting 240 Dollars being the amount called for by that Meeting in the 2d mo.

We have accepted ~~a~~ the following removal certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District, on behalf of Robert Wells, the women's Meeting uniting therein -

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I.

Dear Friends Application having been made ~~for~~ our certificate on behalf of Robert Wells, who has removed to reside within your limits, the usual enquiries have been made, and no obstruction appearing we recommend him as a member of our religious Society to your christian care and oversight and are your friends —

Signed in, and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District held 3 mo. 22. 1848. - Geo R Smith Correspondent Charles Yarnall Clerk

Recorded in Book A page 191 -

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins, a Minister in unity & good esteem with us, spread before this Meeting a prospect of visiting in Gospel love some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain & of attending to such other religious engagements as may be required of her — Her Concern ~~thus spread~~ claimed our solid consideration & was fully united with & the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf, the following certificate and other Friends now present are desired to affix their signatures to it, according to our ancient practice —

To Friends in Great Britain and where these may come

Dear Friends. Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins, in a weighty and feeling manner, informed this Meeting that she had been made willing to resign herself to attend, should way open for it, to a prospect of religious duty, which deeply impresses her mind, of visiting in Gospel love some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and of attending to such other religious engagements in that land as may be required of her —

We were introduced into near sympathy with our dear friend in this concern; and, after a time of deliberate & solid consideration, she was liberated with the full and cordial unity of this Meeting to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct —

In resigning this our beloved friend for this service, to which we believe she is called by the Holy Head of the Church, we think it right to testify that she is a Minister of the Gospel in unity with us; sound in word & doctrine; and that her life and conversation are consistent with our christian profession

We affectionately commend her to your tender sympathy and kind attention, and fervently crave for her the blessing of preservation; that she may be favored to hear the voice of the good Shepherd, and to follow Him; — and when it may be right for her to return to her native land that she may be restored in safety to us, in the enjoyment of that peace which is mercifully granted by Him to his devoted followers —

Signed in and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, North America the twenty sixth of the fourth month 1848 —

Gilbert Congdon }
Sarah F. Tobey } Clerks

the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf removal certificates, prepared in the womens meeting on behalf of Catharine J. Barker & Lydia Congdon—

Signatures to the forgoing certificate

Jon^a Congdon James Dennis Eliza Meader Sarah B Jenkins
John Meader Reuben J Peckam Hannah C Robinson Eliza Almy
Joseph Metcalf Welcome Congdon Eunice Metcalf Eliza J. Bowen
Saml Boyd Tobey Jos C Peckam Deborah H Jencks Anna J Dennis
Silas Cornell Paul Coffin Sarah Saile Susan B Robinson
Davis Metcalf Ebenezer Metcalf Phebe G Peckam Mary B Congdon
Welcome A Green W A Robinson Mary W Smith Asenath Metcalf
Jon^a L Slocum Gideon C Smith

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 24. 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis, from Providence Jon^a L Slocum & Paul Coffin who are present

The Representatives ~~from the Preparative~~ to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended

We have accepted, the following removal certificate from Smithfield Mo, meeting on behalf of Horace B Knowles & his wife Eliza M; the womens meeting uniting therein—

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends Horace B Knowles & his wife Eliza M; having removed within your limits request our certificate, This may certify that they are members of our Society, and that it appears they have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction, as such we recommend them to your Christian Care Signed by direction and on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of friends held 30th of 3d mo 1848. John Osborn Clerk
Arnold Aldrich Correspondent Lydia R Kelly Clerk

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 28. 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & James Dennis, from Providence Charles Atherton & Jona L Slocum who are present.

We have rec.d at this time 90 Printed copies of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting for this year, designed for the members of this meeting –

We unite with the womens Meeting in disowning Eleanor Hale (formerly Lawton) as a member of our religious Society –

Our beloved friend Anna A Jenkins a minister in unity with us informed this Meeting that she had for some time believed it would be right for her to attend the approaching Quarterly Meetings of Vassalborough & Fairfield & to attend to such other religious engagements as her mind may be drawn to

Her prospect claiming our deliberate consideration was fully united with & she left at liberty to attend thereto as Truth may direct. And the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared for her in the womens meeting –

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 26 1848

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Jacob Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome Congdon & Jos C Peckham, who are present.

Our beloved Friend John Scott ~~attended this~~ ~~[illegible]~~ a member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting Md. attended this meeting and produced satisfactory certificates of the unity of his friends with his ministry and present religious engagement – his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us – and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our Esteemed friend Stephen Dillingham attended this meeting as Companion to our friend John Scott - & presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting uniting with him herein -- His company and solid deportment have been satisfactory to us - and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute -

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th, from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our State, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Macy, Jos. Metcalf & James Dennis, whom we appoint our representatives

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on the first day by Friends generally, mid-week Meetings and those for discipline neglected by a few, the hour nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping -

Ans 2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against no differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree according to the query, and to place judgment where necessary according to Discipline

We unite with the womens meeting in restoring Abby M Harris to the rights & privileges of membership in our religious Society.

We unite with the womens meeting in disowning Harriet Bliven as a member of our religious Society -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect that has attended her mind for

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a considerable time, of attending in Gospel love the Quarterly Meetings constituting this Yearly Meeting and such of the Meetings within their limits as may be required of her; and of appointing some meetings with those not in profession with us.

~~On deliberate~~ The concern of our friend, after deliberate consideration, was fully united with and she left ~~at~~ at liberty to attend thereto as Truth may direct. And the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a similar minute.

We appoint Thomas Harkness & Jos Metcalf a committee with whom our friend may confer upon any subjects connected with her ~~proposal~~ prospect—

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held 8 mo 30th 1848

By accounts from the Preparative meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Turner Haskill & Gideon C Smith from Providence Charles Atherton & Welcome A Greene who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C Smith was appointed Clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended.

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting and a copy of the report of the Boarding-school Committee were received and read.

Thomas Harkness Turner Haskill & James Dennis are appointed a committee to unite with a similar Committee of the womans meeting in selecting a suitable scholar to occupy the privilege granted to this Monthly meeting of sending one scholar free of expense to the boarding school for one term

The following certificate from Smithfield Monthly-meeting in favour of Burgess Chace has been received and accepted the womens meeting uniteing.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of friends
Dear friends

Burgess Chace having removed to live within your limits requests our Certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our society and a frequent attender of our meetings when with us, his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend him to your christian care. Signed by direction & on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of friends held 25th of 5 mo 1848

John Osborne Clk
Arnold Aldrich Correspondent
Lydia R Kelly Clerk

The following certificate from Smithfield Monthly meeting in favour of Joseph B Chac has been received and accepted the womens meeting uniteing.

"To Providence Monthly meeting of friends.
Dear friends.

Joseph B Chace a minor son of Burgess T Chace having removed with his father to live within your limits, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society, as such we recommend him to your Christian care

Signed by direction & on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of friends held 25th of 5 mo 1848

John Osborne Clerk
Arnold Aldrich Correspondent
Lydia R Kelly Clerk"

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At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 27 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Danl Mitchell from Providence Wm A Robinson & Saml Austin who are present

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Geo L Collins requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, we appoint Gilbert Congdon & Saml Austin to make the necessary inquiry & if nothing appear to prevent prepare one on his behalf & present it at our next Meeting -

Our dear Friend Saml B Tobey having informed this Meeting that he believed it would be right for him to accompany our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins & family to England, to remain with them a short time to assist in their temporary arrangements, the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of the following certificate. - To Friends within the Limits of London Yearly Meeting - Dear Friends

Our beloved Friend Saml Boyed Tobey informed ~~[illegible]~~ this Meeting that he believed it ~~would~~ will be right for him to accompany our dear Friend Anna ~~Almy~~ Jenkins & her family to England, to remain ~~a short time~~ with them a short time then ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ His prospect claiming our deliberate consideration was united with and He being a Member of this Meeting and a minister in unity ~~with us~~ we commend him to the Christian regard of ~~Friends~~ those among whom his lot may be cast, desiring his preservation and safe return to his family and to us. Signed by direction of Providence Mo. Meeting of Friends held at Providence in the state of R.I. North America the 27th of 9th mo 1848

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time the minute granted her in the 6th mo last, with the information that she had been favoured to attend to the prospect she then had in view to the relief and peace of her mind - She presented a minute from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting expressing that her company & religious services were satisfactory, which is satisfactory to us -

John Meader Wm A Robinson & Turner Haskell are appointed to propose the names of Friends, to serve this Meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors, ~~and~~ to examine & settle the Treasurers account & to report ~~and~~

to our next Meeting— Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate suitable Friends for Overseers of Society & of the poor, caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds & funerals and Reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 25. 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & James Dennis, from Providence Jona Congdon & Danl Buffington, who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends John Meader Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, whom we appoint our Representatives

Ans 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and Discipline have been attended, those on the first day of the week by most of our Members— those held in the middle of the week are not so fully attended as would be best— the hour nearly observed— no unbecoming behaviour noticed when assembled a few cases of sleeping excepted—

Ans 2d. We believe love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction guarded against— Care taken as to differences when they have appeared

Ans 10th Generally careful to deal with offenders as queried— and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Geo L Collins, presented the following, which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf— To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends, Geo L Collins having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your Meeting this is to certify that he is a member of this Meeting and on enquiry nothing appears to obstruct his proceeding therein—

The Committee to propose the names of Officers for this Meeting, made the following report, which after consideration was approved and the Friends therein named, are appointed to the respective offices designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment—

"The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends for services to the Meeting and to settle the Treasurers account report that we are united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for Clerk

Gideon C Smith assistant clerk
Thomas Harkness for Treasurer
Welcome Congdon & Turner Haskell Auditors
Reuben J Peckham Recorder

We have examined and settled the Treasurers account and find in his hands belonging to the Meeting $100 20/100 — And also a balance belonging to the Charitable School Fund of Dols 93 24/100. Providence 10th mo 21st 1848. John Meader
for the Committee—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 29th 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M Paine & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Charles Atherton & Welcome Congdon who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended—

Smithfield Preparative Meeting propose the following Friends as Officers of Society

Joseph Metcalf } overseers of
James Dennis } Society

Caleb Paine } overseers
Gideon C Smith } of the Poor

James Dennis } Caretakers of Meeting house, funerals
Gideon C Smith } & burying ground at Smithfield

Turner Haskell } For the same at Cumberland.
Joseph Metcalf }

Robert Shove } Reporters of Births and Deaths
Jacob Metcalf } to the Recorder

and Providence Preparative Meeting propose the following

Jon^a Congdon
Thomas Harkness
Gilbert Congdon
} overseers of Society

Thomas Harkness
Welcome Congdon
Jos C Peckham
} overseers of Scituate

Jon^a Congdon
Saml B Tobey
William A Robinson
Welcome Congdon
Reuben J Peckham
Gilbert Congdon
Stephen Aswater
Jos C Peckham
Caretakers of Meeting Houses burying grounds and funerals at Providence & Scituate

Geo. L Collins & Thomas E Stone, reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

Which nominations are satisfactory and the Friends name are appointed for the services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

We have rec^d. through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication from the overseers concerning John L Wadsworth, To the Preparative Meeting
John L Wadsworth has departed from our religious principles by joining a Military Company
Jon^a Congdon, Thomas Harkness
Gilbert Congdon Overseers
We appoint Charles Atherton & Turner Haskell a Committee to visit him on the account and report to our next Meeting

We have accepted the following certificate from Hartland Monthly Meeting, State of N. Y. in behalf of Thomas Haines, the womens meeting uniting therein
To Providence Monthly Meeting State of R.I.
Thomas Haines having removed and settled within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate This may inform you that he is a member of our religious society; and as far as appears his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction — We commend him to your christian regard. Signed in and by ~~direction~~ on behalf of Hartland Monthly Meeting ~~of Friends~~ held at Hartland 10th mo 19th 1848 Rindra Robson Clerks
Correspondent

We have received the following minute from our Quarterly Meeting — We conclude to raise Five hundred & fifty Dols for this & the Quarterly meetings use & our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect this sum and pay it to the Treasurer of this meeting. "At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo 2, 1848. It was concluded to raise seven hundred dollars for the use of the Meeting this year & the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer Providence Mo Meetings proportion is $336 — {48% percent}

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication from John Brown — We appoint Gilbert Congdon, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis & Jon^a Congdon, a Committee to visit him on the account and they are desired to report at our next meeting — "Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. Dear Friends It having been my wish for some time past as it now also is. I would proceed herein to say that should there be no objections I would like to be received as a member of your religious society which is respectfully submitted to Friends

Providence 8th mo 4th 1848 John Brown

We unite with the womens meeting in disowning Anna Chace a member of our religious Society —

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 7th mo last. with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect, to the entire relief and peace of her mind — She also produced copies of minutes from Smithfield Salem, Con: Falmouth Fairfield Vassalboro' & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and from the Monthly Meetings of Dover & Sandwich Mass — informing that her company & religious services had been acceptable to Friends, which is satisfactory to us.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 27th 1848

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis from Prov — Wm A Robinson and Geo L Collins who are present.

Our beloved Friend Wm B Thompson attended this meeting and produced a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagements — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute –

The Committee in the case of John L Wadsworth presented the following report, which is accepted & we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the women's meeting uniting herein. And Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of ~~the~~ of this Meeting decision in his case –

We the Committee in the case of John L Wadsworth report, that we have had a full opportunity with him in which he treated us respectfully, yet expressed no regret for the step he had taken, nor any desire to retain his rights of membership – We do not see any ground to hope for benefit from further labour in the case

Providence 12th mo 27th 1848 Chas Atherton } Com.
Turner Haskell

The Committee in the case of John Brown presented the following report which is accepted, and the Committee is released – To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends We The Committee ~~on the case of~~ appointed to visit John Brown ~~presented~~ on account of his application to be received a member of our religious Society report, that we have had an interview with him, but ~~are~~ united in the belief that it will not be best to grant his request.

Wm. [illegible] is appointed to inform him of our decision in this John Brown's case & report to our next meeting –

Providence 12th mo 26th 1848.
Jonª Congdon
Thomas Harkness
James Dennis
Gilbert Congdon

Our beloved Friend Samuel Boyd Tobey a minister in unity with us, spread before this Meeting a prospect which has impressed his mind of ~~visiting~~ attending, in the love of the Gospel, the approaching Quarterly Meetings of Salem, Dover, Vassalborough & Fairfield, – of visiting some meetings within their limits, and if way should open for it of ~~x~~ appointing a few meetings — This Concern claiming our deliberate consideration was fully united with, and he left at liberty to attend to the same as Truth may direct, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute –

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving Mercy Lee as a member of our religious Society -

We have recd through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Peter M Palmgreen, we appoint Chas. Atherton and Gideon C Smith to visit him on this account and report to our next Meeting - To Providence Prep. Meeting of Friends

Peter M Palmgreen has departed from our religious principles by joining a military Company.

Providence 12mo 21, 1848

Jona Congdon
Wm Harkness
Gilbert Congdon
Overseers

He (S. B. Tobey) also returned the minute granted him in the 9th mo last with the information that he had satisfactorily accomplished the concern he then had in prospect, which is satisfactory to us -

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 24th 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Jos Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Preparative Meeting Jos [illegible] & [illegible] E Stone who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d 10th from the Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting, by our Friends Jona Congdon [illegible] Meader & Caleb M Paine, whom we appoint our representatives

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on the first day of the week and for discipline by Friends generally, midweek Meetings are not so fully attended as would be best, the hour observed, no unbecoming behaviour noticed when assembled a few cases of sleeping excepted.

Null Ans 2d We believe love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 2d Love and Unity are generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against - some care has been taken with regard to differences when they have appeared

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline -

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had informed John L Wadsworth of the decision of this Meeting in his case

Wm A Robinson reported that he had informed John Brown of the conclusion of this meeting in his case

The Committee appointed to visit Peter M Palmgreen ~~reported~~ informed that his case had claimed their attention but that they are not prepared to report fully - They are continued and desired to report at our next meeting -

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected and paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting One hundred & ten Dollars

We have accepted the following removal certificate from St. Albans Monthly Meeting on behalf of David Douglas, his wife and two of their children the Womens Meeting uniting therein -

To Providence Monthly Meeting Dear Friends - David Douglas and his wife Chloe and two of their children viz John H and Robert W. having removed within your limits request our certificate, This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting, of orderly lives and conversation David and Chloe are Elders in good esteem and were diligent in the attendance of Meetings whilst with us, have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight

Signed by direction and on behalf of St. Albans monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 26th 1848.

David Douglas } By Daniel Shepherd Clerk
Correspondent } Sarah W Patridge Asst Clerk

We appoint Welcome Congdon Tho. Harkneſs & Danl. Robinson a committee to make provision for the accomodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting and they are requested to report to our next meeting -

We unite with the womans Meeting in disowning Sarah Rodman as a member of our religious Society

We unite with the womans Meeting in disowning ~~Sarah~~ Betsey Craig as a member of our religious Society

177 The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to New York Monthly Meeting of Friends ~~for~~ in favour of Aley A Remington

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 21st 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Thomas Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence John Meader and David Douglas who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Peter M Palmgren presented the following report, which is accepted and with the unity of the Women's Meeting we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, and Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of this Meeting in his case

The committee in the case of Peter M Palmgren report that they have had two interviews with him, in which he manifested no disposition to change his course - They do not apprehend that any benifit would arise from continuing the case

Providence 2mo 18. 1849 signed Chas. Atherton
— Gideon C Smith

The committee appointed to provide for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting presented the following report, which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the same. The Committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to provide for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting have attended to that service, and the expense of the same is Forty Four & 56/100 Dollars Dol. 44 56/100 on behalf of the Committee
To Providence Monthly Meeting. Welcome Congdon

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected and paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting Dols 440 - of the sum called for in the 11th mo last.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting Dols 336, the amot called for by that Meeting in the 11th mo last

Our beloved Friend Saml Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in the 12th mo last and informed us that he had been ~~favored~~ enabled to accomplish the service he had in prospect to the peace of his mind - He presented copies of minutes from Fairfield Vassalborough, Dover and Salem Quarterly Meetings expressing that his company and religious services had been acceptable to them, which is satisfactory to us -

Thomas Harkneſs the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorised to effect an Insurance on our Meeting House in the city of Providence at the Office of the Providence Mutual Insurance Comp y — and to sign on our behalf the usual security required by that Company

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 28th 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & James Dennis from Providence Charles Atherton & ~~James De~~ Welcom Congdon who are present

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had ~~given~~ informed Peter M Palmgrun of the decision of this Meeting in his case

Friends of Providence particular Meeting request that their First-day afternoons Meetings for worship may hereafter assemble at 3 oc throughout the year,— They are at liberty to make the proposed change, the Womens Meeting also uniting herein

We unite with the womens Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting on behalf of Laura S Collins, wife of Geo L. Collins—

Information being at this time received that our Meeting House & enclosure at Lower Smithfield require repairs, we hereby authorise the Caretakers thereof to do what appears neceſsary and to present a bill of the expense to the Treasurer of this Meeting—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 25th 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Turner Haskell, from Providence Thomas Harkneſs & Tho. C. Steere, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from the Preparative Meeting, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends John Meader, Charles Atherton & Gilbert Congdon, whom we appoint our Representatives

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those held on the first day of the week by most of our members who are in a situation to attend, Midweek meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some - The hour nearly observed - No unbecoming behaviour noticed, some appearance of sleeping excepted.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against, endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared -

Ans 3rd Friends manifest a care to bring up their children in plainness, in restraining them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation - They are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves & the holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in Friends families -

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spiritous liquors with two exceptions, which are under notice - Generally careful to observe the other parts of this query

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their neccessities relieved, their children have partaken of useful instruction - None placed out to our knowledge - Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful in these respects -

Ans 7th We believe our testimonies have been maintained in these particulars

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances -

Ans 9th Careful as to records, a few removals without certificates.

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment when neccessary according to discipline -

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the sum called for by that Meeting in the 11th mo last.

Our beloved Friend John Meader a Minister in unity with us, opened in this Meeting a prospect which has for some time rested upon his mind of attending the Quarterly Meetings of Fairfield, Vassalborough and Sandwich, of visiting a few Meetings within the limits of the two former and most of the Meetings within the latter, if way should open for it - This concern being deliberately considered was fully united with and he left at liberty to attend thereto as best Wisdom may direct - and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that David Douglas having with his family, removed & returned within the limits of St Albans Monthly Meeting requests our ~~removal~~ certificate ~~to that Meeting~~. We appoint Saml Boyd Tobey and Thomas Harkness to unite with the committee appointed in the women's Meeting, and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it at our next Meeting —

We unite with the women's Meeting in disowning Mary Ann Kenyon as a member of our religious Society

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Smithfield Monthly Meeting prepared in the womens Meeting on behalf of Abby M Harris wife of Edward Harris —

We have recd the following copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting — "At South Kingston Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 19th of 2nd mo 1849" Hopkinton Preparative Meeting in their account inform that William H Wilbour has for some time neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and associated himself with and attended those of the Separatists — which has claimed the deliberation of this Meeting and being informed that he resides within the limits of Providence Monthly Meeting the clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute and desire them to take the necessary care in the case, Taken from the minutes of the above said Meeting by Timothy C Collins Clerk
Wm S Perry Correspondent.

We appoint Turner Haskell and James Dennis to take the necessary care in the case and report to our next Meeting —

We unite with the womens Meeting in restoring Sophia Gardner (late Palmgren) to the rights & privileges of membership —

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 30, 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield [illegible] M Paine & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Wm A Robinson & Tho E [illegible], who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended —

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate on behalf of David Douglas & family presented the following which being approved by this & the womens meeting the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf & forward to St. Albans Monthly Meeting. To St Albans Monthly Meeting Dear Friends — David Douglas and his wife Chloe and two of their children viz John H and Robert W. having removed and returned to reside within your limits request our certificate This is to certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious Society — of orderly lives and conversation — David and Chloe are Elders in good esteem and were diligent in the attendance of meetings whilst with us and their outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction — We recommend them to your christian care and oversight and are your friends S.

The Committee appointed on account of the communication from South Kingston Mo. meeting presented the following report, which is accepted, and the clerk is directed to transmit a copy thereof together with extracts from our minutes relating to the case to the meeting aforesaid — Pursuant to appointment we visited Wm H Wilbur he readily gave attention to the subject, acknowledged the correctness of the complaint, but did not manifest any disposition to change his course or make Friends satisfaction, it is our judgment that further labour in the case will not be beneficial

Turner Haskell }
Smithfield 5 mo 24 1849 James Dennis } Committee

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 28. 1849.

The Representatives from the ~~Monthly~~ Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Danl Mitchell & Joseph Metcalf from Providence Welcome Congdon & Saml Austin, who are present.

Our beloved Friend Zebulon Weaver attended this Meeting & presented a minute from Smyrna Monthly Meeting New York, expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement. his company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We are informed through Prov. Prep. Meeting that Jos W Aldrich requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Uwchland (Ukiland) Monthly Meeting Penna, we appoint Gilbert Congdon and Saml Boyes Tobey to take the necessary care in the case and if no obstruction appears, prepare one on his behalf & present it at our next Meet

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 25. 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Caleb M Paine. from Providence Jona L Slocum & Thos Harkness who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state. which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends John Meader Gideon C Smith & James Dennis whom we appoint our Representatives.

Ans 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on the first day of the week by Friends generally, midweek Meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some; the hour observed mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few cases of sleeping excepted. Ans 2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained & detraction generally guarded against, endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared. Ans 10th A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate for Jos W Aldrich presented the following which is satisfactory to the Meeting & the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf

To Uwchlan Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends Jos W Aldrich having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your Meeting, this is to inform you that he is a member of this Meeting & on enquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 29th 1849

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield. Gideon C Smith & Turner Haskell from Providence Jona Congdon & John Meader, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended except one who was prevented by bodily indisposition -

We have recd with the unity of the womens Meeting the following removal certificate on behalf of Edward R Rathbun &

family= To Providence Monthly Meeting. Dear Friends
Edward B Rathbun & his wife Rebeckah and their children
Albert Amanda Maria, and Francis Howgil, minors having
removed to live within your limits requests our certificate
This may certify on their behalf, that they are members
of our religious Society and have settled their outward affairs
to satisfaction as far as appears— As such, we recommend
them to your christian care and regard.

Signed by direction & on behalf of Smithfield
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 31st of 5th mo 1849
John Osborn Clerk
Arnold Aldrich Correspondent.   Lydia R Kelley Clerk

We unite with the Womens Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Queensbury Mo, Meeting on behalf of Lydia H Almy.

We have rec^d the following minute from S Kingston Monthly Meeting. We appoint Gideon C Smith to inform Wm H Wilbour of the decision of the aforesaid Meeting in his case & report to our next Meeting.

"We have rec^d ~~at this~~ ~~which is accepted~~ from the following minutes & report of the committee appointed by Providence Monthly Meeting to visit William H Wilbour on a complaint brought against him— viz—

Which is accepted and after deliberate consideration a this Meeting the recommendation of the committee is united with and he is denied his right of membership until he makes Friends satisfaction for his transgression having the unity of the womens meeting herein, & the clerk is directed to lay a copy of this minute before Prov^s Mo Meeting and desire them to inform him thereof

Taken from the Minutes of South Kingston Monthly Meeting held 6th mo 25th 1849   Timothy C Collins Clerk
Wm S Perry Correspondent.

We have rec^d & read the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School,— We appoint Tho Harkins Wm A Robinson, Caleb M Paine & Jos. Metcalf to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends to select a suitable occupant of the privilege granted to each Monthly Meeting of sending one scholar for one term free of expense, and they are requested to report at a future sitting—

We have rec^d through the Quarterly Meeting a number of copies of the London general printed Epistle for 1848, to supply the families of this Meeting—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 26. 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M Paine and James Dennis from Providence Geo L Collins & Saml Austin who are present

Gideon C Smith reported that he had informed Wm H Wilbour of the decision of South Kingston Monthly Meeting in his case.

Joseph Metcalf Welcome Congdon & Charles Atherton are appointed to propose the names of Friends for Clerks. Treasurer Recorder & Auditors, to examine & settle the Treasurers account & report at our next Meeting — And our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate suitable Friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers of Society & of the poor Caretakers of Meeting Houses Burial Grounds & Funerals, & reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Uxbridge Mo. Meeting for Rebecca B Robbins.

Our beloved Friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time the certificate granted to her in the 4th m of last year and informed us that she had been mercifully enabled to accomplish the service she ~~then~~ held in prospect to the relief of her mind & to return to her ~~home~~ Native Land with peaceful feelings. She also presented the following certificate from the London Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders — all of which is satisfactory to us

From our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London on the 21st of 5th mo and by adjournments on the 22nd of the same and 2d of 6th mo 1849.

To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of New England the Quarterly Meeting of Rhode Island, and the Monthly Meeting of Providence.

Dear Friends,

Our dear friend Anna Almy Jenkins who is now engaged in a religious visit to this Country, having informed this meeting that she has the comforting persuasion that the time of her release from this field of labour is near at hand, we feel it right to certify on behalf of our said friend that although she has not, during this engagement, travelled extensively amongst us, her gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to Friends in those parts of this nation in which her lot has been cast. We believe that in much simplicity and watchfulness, and in humble dependance on the renewed putting forth of her Divine Master, she has endeavoured to perform the service which has been required at her hands. We earnestly desire for our beloved Sister, that the protecting care of the Almighty may be extended towards her both by Sea and Land, and that she may be favoured to return to her native Country in Safety, and in the sweet feeling of a portion of her Saviour's peace.

Signed in and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held as aforesaid.

Geo Stacey. Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 24th 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & James Dennis, from Providence Jos C Peckam & Welcome Congdon who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf Tho Harkness & John Meader whom we appoint our representatives

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on the first day of the week by Friends generally, midweek Meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some — some care taken — the hour observed, mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few cases of sleeping excepted. Ans 2d. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against, endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared — Ans 10th A good degree of care is taken to deal with Offenders as queried, and to place judgment when neccessary according to discipline

See end of minutes #. The committee appointed to nominate Officers of the Monthly Meeting are united in proposing the following viz.

For Clerk Gilbert Congdon
" Assistant clk Gideon C Smith
Treasurer Thomas Harkness
Recorder Reuben J Peckam
Auditors Turner Haskell & Jos C Peckam

Providence 10th mo 24 1849 Joseph Metcalf
Welcome Congdon } Committee
Chas Atherton

We of the Committee appointed to settle the account of Thos. Harkness, Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting have examined & settled the same, and find a balance in his hands due the Monthly Meeting of Two hundred & three dollars & ninety five cents

We have also examined & settled his account as Treasurer of the Charitable School Fund, belonging to this Monthly Meeting, and find a balance in his hands of of One Hundred and forty two dollars, twenty four cents—

Providence 10mo 22, 1849 Welcome Congdon
Chas Atherton

Our beloved Friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 4th mo last with the information that he had been favoured to attend to the service he had in prospect, as way opened for it to the relief and peace of his own mind, he also presented minutes from N Bedford Monthly meeting & Fairfield, Vassalborough & Sandwich Quarterly Meetings expressing that his company and religious services had been satisfactory to them— which information is satisfactory to us—

# The Committee appointed to nominate officers to serve this Meeting presented the following report, which is satisfactory & the Friends therein named are appointed to the offices designated for the following year or until another appointment.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 11th mo 2d 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield [illegible] are from Smithfield [illegible] Vernon Haskell & Adam C. Smith, from Providence Jona L Slocum & Chas Atherton who are present.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this Meeting & presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with ministry & present religious engagement. He has also attended most of the Meetings & visited nearly all the families within our limits— his company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute.

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Our esteemed friend Timothy Hanson attended this Meeting & presented a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting uniting with his prospect of accompanying his wife Abagail M Hanson in her present religious engagement. He has also attended most of our Meetings & visited nearly all of the families within our limits — His company has been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute —

We have recd & accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Thomas Parker, the womens meeting uniting therein. — To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. Dear Friends — Thomas Parker having for several years resided within the limits of your Monthly Meeting now requests our certificate — This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Meeting, and as such we recommend him to your christian care and regard. Signed on behalf of Uxbridge of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 26 1849. Effingham L Capron
Benjamin Wheeler Correspondent. Sarah H Earle Clerks

Our beloved friend Abigail M Hanson attended this Meeting & presented a minute from her own Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her ministry & present religious engagement. She has also attended most of ~~the~~ Meetings & visited nearly all of the families within our limits. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a similar minute prepared in the womens meeting.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended

We have recd the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock & we conclude to raise Five hundred dollars for the use of this & the Quarterly Meeting & our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect this sum & forward to the Treasurer of this Meeting. —— "At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 1 1849 It was concluded to raise six hundred dollars for the use of this Meeting this year, and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to William Congdon our Treasurer — Providence Monthly Meeting's proportion is Dols 288. — 47/0. William Congdon Clerk

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Thos Parker & Anna E Reynolds propose declaring their intentions of marriage at this time, & in accordance therewith we have recd from the parties the following Communication & we appoint Gilbert Congdon & Thos Robinson to make the necessary enquiry relative to his clearness to proceed therein & report at our next meeting — To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — With Divine permission and Friends approbation we intend marriage with each other

Providence 11th m 27th 1849

"Thomas Parker
Anna E Reynolds"

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th m 26. 1849

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M Paine & Danl Mitchell from Providence Wm A Robinson & Danl Buffington

We have recd at this time a copy of a minute from Dartmouth Mo. Meeting informing that the Company & Gospel labours ~~religious services~~ of our beloved Friend John Meader at that Meeting in the 11th mo. last were acceptable to them, which is satisfactory to us —

The Committee appointed to enquire into the clearness of Thos Parker to proceed in marriage having reported that they find nothing to prevent his proceeding therein & he having consent of parents as appears by the following communication he is left at liberty to consummate his intended marriage according to our discipline & [illegible] & Gilbert Congdon are appointed to attend the same, extend the necessary care present the marriage certificate for record & report at our next meeting —

We have received the following nominations for Officers of Society from the Preparative Meetings, and the Friends named being satisfactory to this Meeting they are appointed to the offices designated, for the ensuing year or until another appointment

from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf } Overseers of Select
James Dennis }

Caleb Paine }
Gideon C Smith } Overseers of the Poor

Joseph Metcalf Caretaker of Meeting House Burying Ground
Samuel Hartwell & [illegible]

James Dennis & Gideon C Smith for the same service at [illegible]

Robert Shove & Jacob Metcalf reporters of Birth & deaths to the recorder

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Thos Harkness
Gilbert Congdon } Overseers of Society
Wm A Robinson

Welcome Congdon Jos C Peckham & Wm A Robinson overseers of the Poor

Jona Congdon — Gilbert Congdon — Stephen Attwater
John [illegible] — Reuben J Peckham — Caretakers of Meeting
Saml B Tobey — Jona L Slocum — Houses. Burial Grounds
Welcome Congdon — Jos C Peckham — & funerals at Prov. & Scituate

Geo L Collins & Thos C Steere reporters of births & deaths to the recorder.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 30th 1850

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Turner Haskell & James Dennis from Providence Reuben J Peckham & Thomas C Steere who are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Thomas Harkness, Charles A Chace, Geo [illegible] Metcalf whom we appoint our representatives—

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended, those on the First day of the week by Friends generally — Midweek Meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some — some care taken, the hour observed — mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour a few cases of sleeping excepted.

Ans 2d ~~All our Me~~ Love and unity we trust are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against — endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared—

Ans 10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment when it has appeared, necessary ~~necessary~~ according to discipline

We have received at this time, through the Womens Monthly Meeting, with the information that, that Meeting has united therewith, the following communication from Provid

Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders, which ~~having~~ being considered ~~claimed our weighty deliberation~~, it was concluded to defer the further consideration thereof until our next Meeting –

At Providence Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held 1st mo. 24th. 1850 – This Meeting is united in proposing to the Monthly Meeting the consideration of approving the Gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Hannah C Robinson, and Huldah C Meader – And we are also united in proposing the consideration of appointing Eunice Mitchell to the Station of an Elder.

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Thos Parker, & Anna E Reynolds presented the following report which is satisfactory = "The committee appointed for the service, report that they attended the marriage of Thomas Parker & Anna E Reynolds, that the same was conducted in an orderly manner & that the certificate has been presented for record = Jon L Slocum
Prov. 1 m 24. 1850 Gilbert Congdon

Smithfield Preparative Meeting report that they have collected & forwarded to the Treasurer of this Meeting one hundred dollars of the sum called for by this Meeting in the 11th mo last.

We have read the following communication from Providence Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders which claimed our ~~weighty~~ consideration; this Meeting is united with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting in appointing the Friend therein named to that Station which is forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting, for its information & disposal –

We ~~[illegible]~~ appoint Jos C Peckham & Welcome Congdon a committee to make the necessary provision for the accomodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and they are request to report at our next Meeting –

"At Providence Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held 1st mo 24th 1850 – This Meeting is united in proposing to the Monthly Meeting the consideration of appointing Gilbert Congdon to the Station of an Elder. "Joseph Metcalf Clerk"

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 27th 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Jos. C Peckham & Gilbert Congdon who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended –

191 Our beloved Friend Lindley M Hoag attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting N. H. and an endorsement from Dover Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with his Ministry and present religious engagement — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute

This Meeting unites with the womens meeting in approving of the Gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Huldah A Meader, and in the appointment of Eunice Metcalf to the Station of an Elder

The consideration of the first proposal in the communication from the Select Meeting, is again referred, to our next Meeting for further consideration —

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to make provision for the accomodation of the Quarterly Meeting presented the following report which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to certify the same —

{ Expenses Nineteen & 66/100 Dollars
{ Signed by William Congdon

Providence Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected and paid to ~~the~~ Treasurer — Four hundred Dollars of the amount called for by this Meeting in the 11th mo last.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo 27, 1850

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings — are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis & from Providence Jon^a L Slocum & Saml Austin who are present.

Our beloved Friend John Meader, ~~a~~ minister in unity us, informed this Meeting in a weighty manner, that he believed the time had fully arrived for him to open a prospect of religious service, which had impressed his mind for many years, and latterly with increased clearness, of visiting in the love of our dear Redeemer the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland, and of appointing some Meetings among Friends and others — He also informed us he apprehended that it would be required of him to visit some Places and hold some Meetings on the Continent of Europe — The Meeting was introduced into sympathy with our dear Friend herein and after deliberate consideration, his concern was fully united with —

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity with us, opened in this Meeting, in a feeling manner, a prospect which had for many years impressively rested upon her mind, of visiting in the love of our holy Redeemer, the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain & Ireland and of appointing some Meetings among Friends and those not in profession with us — She also expressed an apprehension that religious service would be required of her at some Places on the Continent of Europe — This Concern of our dear Friend claimed the deliberate consideration of the meeting and was fully united with, and much sympathy was expressed with her herein. — and we appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey Jos. Metcalf Chas. Atherton and Gilbert Congdon a committee to unite with a similar committee appointed by the womens meeting to prepare suitable certificates for our said Friends, in accordance with their prospects as opened in and united with, by this Meeting, and to present the same at our next meeting-

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the ~~Quarter~~ly Meeting our proportion of the amot. called for by that Meeting in the Eleventh month last.

We unite with the womens meeting in acknowledgeing the gift and approving of the public appearances in the ministry of Hannah C. Robinson-

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 24th 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine & Danl. Mitchell, from Providence Wm. A Robinson & Thomas Harkness, who are present

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Turner Haskell and Thomas Harkness, whom we appoint our representatives-

The committee appointed at our last meeting to unite with a similar one appointed by the women's meeting to prepare certificates for our friends John & Elizabeth Meader presented the following which being approved by this & the womens meeting, the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf, and Friends present are at liberty to affix their signatures in accordance with the ancient practice of this Society=

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those held on the First day of the week by Friends generally - Midweek meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some - The hour observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few cases of sleeping excepted -

Ans 2 We believe love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us and detraction mostly guarded against - Endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared -

Ans 3 Friends manifest a care to bring up their children in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and corrupt conversation, they are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves and the Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in Friends families

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors with two or three exceptions - Care taken - Generally careful to observe the other parts of this query

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved, their children have partaken of useful learning, none placed out to our knowledge

Ans 6th We believe Friends are mostly careful in these respects -

Ans 7th We believe our testimonies have been maintained in these ~~respects~~ - particulars

Ans 9th Careful as to records, a few removals without certificates

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances -

Ans 10th [illegible] endeavours to deal with offenders as queries apply, and to place judgment according to Discipline

The following Testimony concerning our dear deceased Friend Anna Jenkins was read, & approved, and the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf & forward to the Quarterly Meeting

Our beloved Friend Samuel Boyd Tobey a minister in unity with us, informed this meeting that he believed it required of him in the discharge of his religious duty to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends of New York

This Concern was fully united with & he left at liberty to attend to the same as Best Wisdom may direct - And the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved Friend John Meader a minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a concern to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends of New York also to visit some meetings within the limits of Dover & Salem Quarterly Meetings, which was fully united with ~~by this Meeting~~ and he left at liberty to attend to the same as best Wisdom may direct — and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with appropriate minutes, respectively in accordance with the above. —

{~~Essay of~~ Certificate for John Meader} To Friends in Great Britain and Ireland and where these may come. Dear Friends —

Our beloved friend John Meader in a weighty manner spread before this Meeting a concern which had for many years deeply impressed his mind to visit in the love of our Holy Redeemer the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland — to appoint some meetings among Friends and others and also to visit some places and hold meetings on the Continent of Europe — and informed us that he believed the time had now come for him to resign himself to this service — This extensive and important religious engagement of our dear friend claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of this Meeting and received its full and cordial unity —— We certify on his behalf that he is a Minister of the Gospel in unity and good esteem with us — sound in word and doctrine, and exemplary in life and conversation, and also that his temporal affairs are satisfactorily arranged — We feelingly commend him to the sympathy and christian attention of Friends and those among whom he may be situated earnestly desiring that he may witness the Good Shepherd to go before to guide and protect him, and when the service required of him in this engagement shall have been accomplished that he may be restored to his family and friends in the enjoyment of peace. Signed in and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Providence in the State of Rhode Island, North America the 24th of the 4th mo 1850.

Signed Gilbert Congdon }
Anna T Dennis } Clerks

Jos. Congdon
Jos Metcalf
Saml Boyd Tobey
Silas Cornell
James Dennis
Chas Atherton
Turner Haskell
Welcome Congdon
Geo L Collins
Thomas Harkness
Caleb N Perin

W A Robinson
Reuben J Peckham
Danl Buffington
Benj F Knowles
John J Meader
Paul Coffin
Ebenezer Metcalf
Danl Mitchell
Gideon C Smith
Tho Chace
Danl Robinson

Eunice Metcalf
Hannah C Robinson
Sarah Earle
Eliza T Bowen
Dorcas Paine
Mary R Buffington
Maria G Hawes
Content Robinson
Hannah Sawin
Almy A Lee

Susan H Shove
Eliza H Paine
Asenath Metcalf
Mary Metcalf
Phebe Robinson
Mary R Congdon
Deborah H Smith
Lydia C Smith
Huldah A Meader

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 29. 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & James Dennis from Providence Stephen Atwater and Jon^d. L Slocum who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended

We unite with the women's meeting in disowning Maria Macy (late Farnum) as a member of our religious Society

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Meader communicated to this Meeting a concern, which has rested some time upon her mind, to appoint a few meetings among those not in religious profession with us, in the western part of Massachusetts — her concern was united with and she left at liberty to attend to the same, under the direction of best Wisdom, she being a Minister in unity with us, and the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf & furnish her with a copy of this minute

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 26. 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Robert Shove & Caleb M Paine from Providence Thomas Marksup and Jos C Peckam who are present.

Our beloved Friend John Meader informed this Meeting that he had been enabled to ~~the attend to the~~ accomplish the engagement ~~engagem~~ he had in prospect ~~concern of mind with this~~ at our Meeting in the 4th mo, so far as to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends of New York to the relief & peace of his mind — He also presented a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders expressing that his company and Gospel labors had been truly acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us, He also returned the minute ~~[illegible]~~ furnished him by direction of this Meeting, relative to this part of his Concern.

See correct minute on next page —

Our beloved friend Sam^l Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in the 4th mo last. and informed us that he had been favoured to attend the engagement to the satisfaction of his mind — He also presented a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, ~~expressing~~ held in N.Y. expressing that his company and Gospel labors ~~were~~ had been acceptable to them — all of which is satisfactory to us

This Meeting unites with the women's meeting in receiving Lydia Kenyon wife of   Kenyon as a member of our religious Society.

Our beloved Friend John Meader returned at this time the minute ~~the minute~~ furnished him in the 4th mo last and informed us that he had been enabled to attend ~~N York~~ the Y. M. of Friends of New York to the relief and peace of his mind, He also presented a minute from the Y. M. Meeting of Ministers and Elders, expressing that his company and Gospel labors ~~seem~~ had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 24. 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Jos Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Wm A Robinson & Thomas Harkness who are present

Our beloved Friend Stephen Jones Jr. attended this meeting as companion to his wife Rachel W Jones, and presented a minute from China Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him in his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us — He has also satisfactorily attended several Meetings within our limits, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2 & 10th from the Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Charles Atherton Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives—

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Jethro M Hawes has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society — We appoint Gilbert Congdon, Caleb M Paine and Jos C Peckham to visit him on this account and report at our next meeting.

We ~~are also in~~ have also recd through the same Meeting similar information concerning Saml Robinson. We appoint Chas. Atherton & Gideon C Smith to visit him on this account & report at our next meeting.

We are ~~also~~ informed through the same Meeting that Robert Wells requests a removal certificate to the

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Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia for the Western District. We appoint Wm. A Robinson and Reuben J Peckham to take the necessary care in the case & if no obstruction ~~present~~ appears, prepare one & present it at our next meeting.

Our beloved Friend Rachel W. Jones attended this Meeting and presented a minute from China Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. She has also satisfactorily attended several Meetings within our limits. and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish her with a similar Minute prepared in the Womens Meeting

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting, that Isaac Swift & Lydia W. Almy propose publishing their intentions of marriage with each other, at this time, and we accordingly received the following communication from the Parties. The subject is referred to our next Meeting for further consideration.

"With Divine Permission and Friends approbation, we intend marriage with each other"

Signed Isaac Swift }
Lydia W. Almy }

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting concerning Francis W. Perry, the Womens Meeting uniting therein. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. Dear Friends — Francis W. Perry having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate — We therefore certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society, frequent in the attendance of our Meetings when with us — his temporal affairs are settled as far as appears and is clear of marriage engagements amongst us. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends. Signed on behalf of Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6th m 24 1850.

Thomas S. Gifford }
Oliver Earle } Correspondent
Laura L Chace } Clerks

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 5th mo last and informed us that she had been favoured to attend to the engagement she then had in prospect to the entire relief & peace of her mind, which is satisfactory to us —

…ni in meeting
where no Friends
were located.

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. First day morning Meetings by Friends generally, others much neglected by some – The hour observed, no unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few cases of Sleeping excepted –

Ans 2 Love and unity ^are^ generally maintained & detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared –

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, and to place judgment when it has appeared necessary according to discipline

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28. 1850

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Jacob Metcalf, from Providence Tho E Steere & Welcome Congdon who are present

— The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

— The committee in the case of Gilbert M Hawes informed, that they have given some attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to report at this time. and the Committee in the case of Saml Robinson made a similar statement in reference to their appointment. They are both continued & requested to report at our next meeting.

We have rec.d the following certificate on behalf of Isaac Swift & also the following Communication from his surviving parent. – He is accordingly left at liberty to accomplish his intended marriage according to our discipline & we appoint Gilbert Congdon & Chas Atherton to attend it & extend the usual care in the case, present the certificate for record & report at our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting Dear Friends. Our friend Isaac Swift proposes joining himself in marriage with a member of your Meeting and requests our certificate for that purpose, This may inform he is a member of this Meeting clear of like engagements amongst us. Signed on behalf of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting of Friends held 15th of 8th mo 1850. Signed Nathan Swift Clerk. Isaac Thorne Correspondent

"I give my consent to the marriage of my son Isaac Swift agreeably to his proposals
Signed Sarah Swift.

The minute granted to our dear Friend John Meader in the 4th mo. last was returned at this time with the transmitted information that he had been favored to attend to the service he then had in prospect to the entire relief of his mind. We also received minutes from Berwick & Weare Monthly Meetings expressing that his company & religious services were satisfactory, all of which is satisfactory to us—

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certifica for Robert Wells, presented the following which being approved by this and the womens meeting the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf & forward it to the meeting designated

To Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends for the Western District. Dear Friends. Robert Wells having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf, that he is a member of this meeting, of orderly life & conversation & while with us, was a frequent attender of our meetings He is clear of marriage engagements as far as appears and his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled— We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends.

We have recd & read the report of the committee in charge of the boarding School together with some extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting relative to this Institution. We have also recd the followg information of change of correspondent — (Pasted in at the end of the book]

Our dear Friend Joseph Metcalf informed this meeting that he felt willing to accompany our friend John D Lang as companion, in his prospect of attending Indiana Yearly Meeting & some other Meetings of Friends, which has the unity of this meeting and he encouraged to attend to the same— He being an Elder in unity with us—

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th month 25th 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome A Greene and Danl Buffington who are present except one.

Our beloved Friend Nathan Douglas attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Durham Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement— His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend Samuel Boyed Tobey opened in this Meeting a prospect which has rested with weight upon his mind of attending in the love of the Gospel the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Friends of Baltimore and North Carolina and of visiting or appointing a few meetings within the limits of each – This concern claiming our weighty consideration was fully united with, and he left at liberty, to attend to the same, under the directions of best Wisdom, he being a Minister in unity with us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The committee in the case of Saml. Robinson presented the following report which is accepted and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we are united in restoring him to the rights and privileges of membership, and Saml. Buffington is requested to inform him hereof and report at our next meeting—

"The Committee in the case of Saml. Robinson report, that we have had two interviews with him, in which he acknowledged that he had violated the discipline of our religious Society in accomplishing his marriage, and that he was willing to commit the disposal of his case to Friends, at the same time expressing a desire to retain his right of membership— The Committee on considering the case, are of the opinion that it may be best to comply with his wish, which we submit to the Meeting—

Providence 9th mo 22. 1850 Chas. Atherton
Gideon C Smith

The Committee in the case of Jethro M Hawes inform that they are not prepared to report at this time, they are continued in care of the case and requested to report at our next Meeting.

Our esteemed Friend Gilbert Congdon expressed a willingness to accompany our friend Saml. Boyed Tobey in his prospect of attending of Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, with which this Meeting unites– He being an Elder in unity with us and the assistant clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We appoint William A Robinson Welcome Congdon and Caleb M Prime a committee to propose the names of

Friends to serve this ~~the~~ Meeting as Clerks Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors, they are also requested to examine & settle the Treasurer's account and report at our next Meeting. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate Overseers of Society and of the poor. Care takers of Meeting Houses, burial Grounds and funerals and reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Capalborough Monthly Meeting on behalf of Sarah Nichols and family.

The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of Isaac Swift & Lydia H. Almy presented the following report which is satisfactory. "To the Monthly Meeting— The Committee appointed for the purpose, report that they attended the marriage of Isaac Swift and Lydia H. Almy, that it was conducted in an orderly manner and the certificate was delivered for record. "Chas Atherton"
Providence 9th mo 24. 1850 - Gilbert Congdon

We have received and read at this time a printed extract from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings of the present month relative to the circulation of the "Memorials of deceased Friends lately published"; And this Meeting has received a supply for our limits, and adopted measures for distributing them.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 30th 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Caleb M Paine from Providence Jonathan L Slocum and Thomas Harkness who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the First second and tenth from our Preparative meetings of which the following is a summary of which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Metcalf Thomas Harkness and Reuben J Peckham whom we appoint Representatives

Ans 1st All meetings for religious Worship and discipline have been attended those on first days by a large part of our members - Midweek Meetings much neglected by some. - The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed, a few cases of Sleeping excepted.

Ans. 2d Love and unity appear to be pretty well maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.
Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgement according to discipline.

Daniel Buffinton reports he has informed Samuel Robinson of the decision of the meeting in his case.

The Committee in the case of Jethro M Hawes inform they have given some attention to the case but are not ready to make a full report. they are continued in care of the case and requested to report next month.

The Committee to propose names for Officers to serve this meeting for the ensuing year made the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting and the Friends named are accordingly appointed to the several stations named in the report. viz
"The committee appointed at the last monthly meeting to propose the names of Friends for clerks Treasurer & Auditors are united in the following
For Clerk - Gilbert Congdon
Assistant clerk - Gideon C Smith

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Treasurer — Thomas Harkness
Reuben ~~[illegible]~~ J

Auditors } Joseph C Peckham
Turner Haskill

The Treasurer's account has been examined and we find in his hands belonging to the monthly meeting the sum of sixty eight $\frac{52}{100}$ dollars, and the further sum as unexpended income from school fund of one hundred & fourty four $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars

To Providence Monthly meeting 10 mo 26th 1850 } For the Committee
William A Robinson,,

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 27. 1850.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield - Turner Haskell and Gideon C Smith, from Providence Thomas Harkness and Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended

Our Preparative Meeting propose the following Friends as officers of ~~Society~~ this Meeting, which being approved, they are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

From Providence Preparative Meeting. Chas Atherton Wm A Robinson & Gilbert Congdon, Overseers of Society - William A Robinson Jos C Peckham & Welcome Congdon Overseers of the Poor. Jona Congdon, Saml Boyd Tobey Jona L Slocum, Jos C Peckham, Gilbert Congdon Reuben J Peckham Stephen Atwater & Welcome Congdon, Care Takers of Meeting Houses Burial Grounds and Funerals at Providence and Scituate. George L Collins and Thomas C Stone ~~Caretakers of~~ Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder.

Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis Overseers of Society. Caleb Paine and Gideon C. Smith Overseers of the Poor. Joseph Metcalf and Turner Haskell. Caretakers of Meeting House Burial Grounds & Funerals at Cumberland. James Dennis and Gideon C Smith for the same service at Smithfield. Robert Howe and Caleb [illegible] Paine reporters of births and deaths to the Recorde

The committee in the case of Othniel Hawes informed the Meeting that they have continued to give some attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to make a full report at this time, they are continued in care of the case & requested to report at our next meeting -

We have rec^d the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock, and it is concluded to raise Dols 350. for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting and our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect this amount and forward the same to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 7th 1850. It was concluded to raise $400. for the use of this Meeting this year and the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. Prov. Monthly Meetings Proportion is Dols 192 48/.

We are informed through Prov. Prep. Meeting that Saml. Boyd Tobey requests a removal certificate for his son Saml B. Tobey Jr. to the Monthly Meeting of Friends of New York. We appoint Thomas Hacknap and Gilbert Congdon to take the neccessary care in the case and if no obstruction appears prepare one and present at our next meeting

Our friend ~~Saml~~ Samuel Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in the 9th mo. last. and informed us that he had been favored to attend to his prospect to the relief and peace of his mind - He also presented minutes from Baltimore & North Carolina Yearly Meetings expressing that he had acceptably attended those meetings. All of which is satisfactory to us

Our friend Joseph Metcalf returned at this time the minute granted him in the 8th mo last. and presented copies of minutes from Indianna Yearly Meeting and Springfield Monthly Meeting expressing that he had acceptably attended those meetings -

Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him in the 9th mo last and presented copies of minutes from Baltimore & North Carolina Yearly Meetings expressing that he had acceptably attended those meetings

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 25. 1850

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Rob Shove, from Providence Stephen Attwater & Saml Austin who are present

The committee in the case of Jethro M Hawes informed this Meeting that they had given further attention to their appointment but are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued in care of the case & requested to report at ~~our next~~ or before the 3rd Month next.

The committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Saml B Tobey Jr. presented the following which being approved by this and the womens Meeting the clk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward the same to the Meeting designated

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of New York
Dear Friends. Saml Boyd Tobey having requested a removal certificate for his Son Saml Boyd Tobey Jr a minor, this will inform that he is a Member of this Monthly Meeting, of orderly life and a diligent attender of Meetings whilst with us — We recommend him to your christian care and are your friends

We have red through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication relative to George A Weeden. We appoint Gideon C Smith and Wm A Robinson to endeavor to communicate with him on the account & report at a future Meeting.
"To Smithfield Preparative Meeting. Geo A Weeden has for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, on which account he was spoken to without producing any change, and he has now connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us." Smithfield 12mo 18. 1850
Joseph Metcalf }
James Dennis } Overseers

We have also red the following from the same Prep. Meeting relative to Horace E Metcalf. We appoint James Dennis and Caleb M Paine to visit him on account of the same, and report at our next meeting. "To Smithfield Prep. Meeting Horace E Metcalf has mostly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us, and attended places of publick amusement contrary to our Discipline
Smithfield 12mo 18. 1850
Joseph Metcalf }
James Dennis } Overseers

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 1st mo 29. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Robert Shove & Turner Haskell from Prov. Charles Atherton & Geo L Collins who are present except one

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1 2 & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our State, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Chas Atherton, Saml Boyd Tobey, Tho Hathorn & James Dennis whom we appoint our Representatives

Ans 1st All Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those held on First day mornings by Friends generally; others much neglected by some, The hour observed no unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few cases of sleeping excepted.

Ans 2d Love and Unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline

The committee in the case of Horace E Metcalf informed the Meeting that they had given attention to their appointment but are not prepared to make a full report at this time — They are continued in care of the case & requested to report at our next meeting.

We have rec'd the following Communication from Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends relative to Joshua Stevens, we appoint Gilbt. Congdon, Gideon C Smith & Chas Atherton to visit him on the account & report at our next Meeting — From the Minutes of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held 27th of 12th mo 1850 The clerk is directed to forward the following information to Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends, viz. that Joshua Stevens is a Member of this Meeting has removed within the limits of said Prov. Mo. Meeting and as we are informed has since married contrary to the order of Friends — We request said Meeting to take the necessary care in the case and inform us thereof. Nathan Pope Correspondent — Oliver Pope Clerk

Information has been rec'd at this time, that Smith Prep Meeting has collected ~~and paid to our Treasurer~~ Dols 70 and ~~that~~ Providence Prep Meeting, Dols 233^{33}, ~~and~~ both paid

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or forwarded to the Treasurer of this Meeting, which together being less than the amot. called for in the 11th mo last, the subject is referred to the Representatives next to be appointed by the Prep Meetings to report to our next meetg. # We appoint Welcome Congdon Wm E Stum and Jos C Peckham a committee to make the necessary provision for the accomodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting & report at our next Meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 26. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell Jos. Metcalf & Jas Dennis from Providence Saml Boyd ^{2}Tobey & Wm A Robinson who are present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Horace E Metcalf presented the following report, which being approved, we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society the women's meeting uniting therein, & Gideon C Smith is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case

To the Monthly Meeting. We your Committee to visit Horace E Metcalf have attended to our appointment. He did not give us sufficient encouragement that he would change his course or make Friends satisfaction, to induce us to believe that further labor in the case would be useful
Cumberland 2 mo 12 1851 Signed James Dennis & Caleb M Paine
Committee

The Committee appointed to visit Joshua Stevens in accordance with a minute from Windham Monthly Meeting presented the following report & communication from him which are satisfactory to us & the clerk is directed to forward the same with a copy of this minute to Windham Mo Meeting

To the Monthly Meeting. The Committee appointed at the request of Windham Mo. Meeting to visit Joshua Stevens on acct of his violation of the discipline in the accomplishment of his marriage, report that they have had two interviews with him in which he manifested much openness; and they are united in the judgment, that the accompanying paper is offered in a good degree of sincerity, and that it may be best for the Meeting to accept it, which they submit to the Meeting
Prov. 2nd m 26. 1851 Signed Gilbert Congdon Gideon C Smith [illegible]

To Windham Monthly Meeting. Dear Friends
Having deviated from the order of Society in accomplishing my marriage. I hope Friends will pass it by, as I am desirous of living up to Discipline in other respects and retain my membership among Friends. Prov. 2nd m 26. 1851. Signed Joshua Stevens

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Nine Partners, Mo Meeting of Friends on behalf of Lydia H Swift.

With the concurrence of the womens meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Moses C Stevens -
To Providence Mo Meeting of Friends.
This may certify that Moses C Stevens has removed within the limits of your Meeting, that he is a member of this Meeting and while with us a frequent attender ~~of~~ thereof, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction, and is clear of marriage engagements amongus, as far as appears; as such we commend him to your christian care. By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held 24th of 1st mo. 1851

Olivia Pope }
Jane Pope } Clerks

Nathan Pope Correspondent.

The Subject referred last month to the Friends to be appointed as Representatives to this Meeting, is continued in care of the same, they not reporting at this time.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported that they had attended to their appointment and the expense Dols 22 59/100. which is satisfactory and the Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of it.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo 26. 1851.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome A Greene and Jos C Peckham who are present.

The Committee in the case of Jethro M Hawes presented the following report which is accepted and with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting we are united in restoring him to the privileges of membership in our Society and Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of the Meeting in his Case.

To the Monthly Meeting. In the several interviews that we have had with Jethro M Hawes on account of his marriage with one not in membership with us, he has evinced a desire to be retained a member of our Society, and a dispo-

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-isition to make Friends satisfaction, and we are united in the belief that it may be best to restore to him the privileges of society, which we submit to the Meeting.

Providence 3rd mo 25. 1851

signed Jos C Peckam
Gilbert Congdon } Committee
Caleb'll Paine

We are informed through Smithfield Preparative Meeting that Gideon C Smith requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. We appoint Jon^a L. Slocum & James Dennis to make the necessary enquiry and if nothing appears to prevent, prepare a certificate on his behalf and present it at our next meeting *

We rec^d through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication from the Overseers relative to Benj^a Hays. Turner Haskell Tho. Hartnup and W^m A Robinson are appointed to visit him on the account and report at our next meeting

Gideon C Smith reported that he had informed Horace C Metcalf of the decision of the Meeting in his case

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting. Benjamin Hays has separated from his wife and for a long time neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings, on which account he has been repeatedly treated with, and as no change in him has been effected, we report the case

3 mo 15. 1851 signed Joseph Metcalf } Overseers
James Dennis

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 23. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb'll Paine and Robert Shove from Providence [illegible] Congdon and Sam^l Austin who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from the Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward in the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Gideon C Smith, Joseph Metcalf & W^m A. Robinson whom we appoint our representatives

1st Qu All our Meetings both for worship and discipline have been attended; those held on first day mornings have been well attended — others neglected by some. The hour is observed — Of unbecoming [illegible] except some instances of sleep

Ans 2nd - We believe Friends are generally preserved in love and unity, and detraction is mostly guarded against. endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans 3. Most Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from the corrupt conversation of the world; pretty good examples herein themselves - We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families -

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine, with two exceptions, which are under care - Clear with regard to frequenting Taverns as far as appears, and mostly so with respect to Places of public resort. Moderation and temperance observed on account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions

Ans 5th The requisitions of this query appear to be fully complied with

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage are conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th. We believe Friends are engaged to maintain our Testimony with respects to Priests wages, and military matters, Clear with regard to the other particulars mentioned in this query.

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Friends are careful with regard to records. A few removals without certificates

Ans 10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders. We trust as queried after and to place judgment when it appears necessary according to discipline

Our beloved Friend Susan Howland attended this meeting and presented a minute from New Bedford Monthly meeting expressing unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. her company & religious services have been acceptable to us - She has also satisfactorily attended all of the meetings within our limits, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the women's Meeting in signing a-copy of a similar minute on his behalf.

The Committee in the case of Benj Hays informed the meeting that they have given some attention to their appointment, but are not ready to report further at this time — They are continued in care of the case to report at our next meeting —

The Committee appointed to prepare a certificate ~~in favour of~~ on behalf of Gideon C Smith presented the following ~~which~~ which is satisfactory to the meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends. Gideon C Smith having requested ~~a~~ certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting; we hereby certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Monthly meeting and upon enquiry no obstructions appears to his accomplishing his intended marriage

We have recd through Providence Prep Meeting the following communication relative to Tho Haines we appoint Wm A Robinson Danl Mitchell & Jno L Slocum to visit him on the account and report at our next meeting.

See complaint below

We are informed at this time that ~~that~~ the entire amot. called for from the Preparative Meetings in the 11th mo last has been raised and paid to our Treasurer. and he is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly the sum called for ~~by~~ that Meeting in the 11th Mo last.

Gilbert Congdon reported that he had ~~given~~ informed Jethro M Haines of the decision of the meeting in his case

} We have to inform the meeting that Thomas Haines is addicted to the improper use of spirituous liquors

Providence 4 mo 16. 1851.

William A Robinson
Chas Atherton
Gilbert Congdon
Overseers

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 28. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb Paine & Danl Mitchell from Providence Geo. L Collins and Robert Shove who are present except one

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The committee in the case of Benjn Hays informed the meeting that they have given further attention to their appointment but they are not prepared to make to a definite report at this time, they are continued in care of the case to report at our next meeting

The Committee in the case of Tho Haines informed that they had given some attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to make a full report now, They are continued in care of the case to report at our next meeting.

We have received the following communication from Windham Monthly Meeting respecting Joshua Stevens { To Prov. Mo. Meet. of Friends. We have recd. an account of the labors of your meeting with Joshua Stevens together with an acknowledgment of his deviation, which this meeting accepts and restores him to his former standing in Society, the Women uniting therewith. By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 28. 1851. Oliver Pope Clerk. Nathan Pope Correspondent

We unite with the women's meeting in disowning Mary T. Eldridge Jr. and Rebecca Robinson as members of our religious Society.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that ~~Horace Haines~~ William Robinson has connected himself in marriage with one not in membership with our religious society — We appoint James Dennis and Tho. Harkness to visit him on the account and report at our next meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 25. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb C Paine & Turner Haskell from Providence Reuben Peckam and Geo L Collins who are present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friends Benj Seebohm and Robert Lindsey of Great Britain whose certificates from their ~~proper~~ Meetings were recently read at our Yearly Meeting. Their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend James Owen attended this Meeting & presented certificates from Stony Creek Monthly Meeting & Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement — His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our Esteemed Friend Jona Butler attended this this meeting as companion to our Friend James Owen & presented a minute from Stony Creek Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement — His company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Committee appointed to visit Benjamin Hays informed the meeting that they have had the case under consideration since last month, but are not ready to report. They are continued to report at our next meeting

The Committee in the Case of Tho Haines informed the Meeting that the way has not opened for them to report at this time, they are continued, to report at a future meeting

The Committee appointed to visit Wm Robinson informed the meeting that they had given some attention to their appointment but are not prepared to report fully at this time they are continued, to report at our next meeting

We have with the concurrence of the womens meeting accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Joseph Atwater.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends. Joseph Atwater has removed and settled within the limits of your Meeting, and requests our certificate thereto; this may inform that he has a right of membership in this monthly Meeting, and upon enquiry his outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction, and he clear of marriage engagements amongst us, we therefore recommend him to your christian care and oversight, and remain your friends

Signed in and by direction of Hartland Monthly Meeting held 5th mo 15th 1851 Levi H Atwater Clerk

Kendra Tobin Correspondent.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 mo 30, 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis from Providence Welcome Congdon & Welcome A Greene who are present

Our beloved Friend Benj. H Jones attended this Meeting & presented ~~minutes~~ certificates from Dover monthly, and Quarterly Meetings expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1.2 & 10th from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Metcalf Thomas Harkness & James Dennis whom we appoint our Representatives.

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those held on First day mornings by nearly all our members – Our other Meetings are smaller and much neglected by some. The hour observed – Clear of unbecoming behaviour as far as appears, except some instances of sleeping. Some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 2. We believe love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have appeared endeavors have been used to end them.

Ans 10th. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when neccessary according to discipline

The Committee in the case of Benj Hays informed the Meeting that they have given further attention to their appointment, but are not ready to report. They are continued, to report next month.

The committee appointed to visit Wm Robinson informed the meeting that they have given further attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to make a full report – They are cont. to report to our next meeting.

We have received at this time from the Yearly Meeting 160 copies of the London general Epistle for 1850 – to be distributed among our members – The contents of this document have been to us at the present time edifying & encouraging – We have also rec.d several printed sheets of a regulation of discipline ~~relative to~~ Relating to the manner of making ~~approval &~~ additions to our Meetings ~~appointment~~ of Ministers & Elders and a sufficient number of the same are to be ~~appended to~~ the books of discipline used by the meetings within our limits.

We have also rec.d 190 copies of the Epistle issued by the London Yearly Meeting of 1850 to its Junior Members & reprinted by our Yearly Meeting for the present year for distribution among our members of this class ~~of~~ which ~~has~~ received ~~the~~ attention of this meeting.

We unite with the womens Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Dartmouth Monthly meeting on behalf of Mary A Smith wife of Gideon C Smith & her minor son Henry A Tucker.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
8th mo 27. 1851

The representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Robert Shove and Caleb Paine from Providence Jona L Slocum and Paul Coffin who are present except our late friend Caleb Paine who has been suddenly removed by death

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended

The Committee in the case of Benjamin Hays reported that they had given further attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to make a full report now, they are continued to report at our next meeting

The Committee in the case of Wm Robinson presented the following report which is accepted and with the unity of the women's Meeting we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, and Jos. C. Peckam is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case —— To the Monthly Meeting – Agreeably to appointment we have had a full opportunity with William Robinson, he treated us respectfully, but did not manifest a disposition to make Friends satisfaction and live consistant with our Discipline – which we submit to the Meeting
Providence 26th 8th month. 1851   James Dennis
Thomas Harkness

We have received and read in this Meeting Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School and some other subjects

We appoint Joseph Metcalf Charles Atherton and Jona Congdon a committee to propose to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerks. Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors – They are also requested to examine and settle the Treasurers account & report ~~the state of it~~ to this meeting. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward the names of suitable Friends for overseers of Society & of the Poor. Caretakers of Meeting Houses burial Grounds & funerals. and reporters of births, deaths and burials to the Recorder.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 24th 1851.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C Smith & Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Charles Atherton & Welcome A Greene who are present.

The committee appointed to nominate officers of this Meeting and settle the Treasurer's account presented the following report which is accepted; and the Friends therein named are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

The committee to nominate officers for the Monthly Meeting propose the following names. Clerk Gilbert Congdon
Assistant Clerk Gideon C Smith
Treasurer Thomas Harkness
Recorder Reuben J Peckham
Auditors Jos C Peckham & Jesse Hacker

They have examined and settled the account of the Treasurer and find a balance in his hands due the Monthly Meeting of One Hundred seven & 78/100 Dollars Dols 107.78

They have also examined and settled the account of the Treasurer of the Charitable School Fund, and find a balance in his hands due the Meeting of Thirty eight & 24/100 Dollars
$38 24/100 on behalf of the Committee Charles Atherton—

Jos C Peckham reported that he had informed Wm Robinson of the decision of the meeting in his case.

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving Mary Ann Stanton into membership in our religious Society—

The committee in the case of Benjamin Hays presented the following report which is accepted and with the unity of the women's meeting we disown him as a member of our religious Society and Gideon C Smith is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case and report at our next meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting — We your committee in the case of Benjamin Hays — Report we have had several interviews with him — and find him unwilling to change his course having as he thinks sufficient cause for a portion of his conduct complained of, which has been somewhat straitening to the committee, and as we think in its present situation further labour will not be serviceable

we submit to the meeting. signed Wm. A Robinson
Providence 24th 9th mo. 1851. Turner Haskell
Thomas Harkness

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 29, 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M Paine & Gideon C Smith from Providence Charles Atherton & Reuben J Peckam who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1 2 & 10th from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of our quarterly Meeting by our Friends Gideon C Smith Wm A Robinson & Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our Representatives.

Gideon C Smith reported that he had informed Benj. Hays of the decision of this Meeting in his case

Our beloved Friends Ruth H Baker & Mercy K King attended this meeting and presented copies of minutes from Sandwich Monthly meeting expressing unity with their ministry & present religious engagement their company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

We have rec^d from the Preparative Meetings the following nominations for Offices of Society, which being approved by this Meeting they are accordingly appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

From Smithfield Joseph Metcalf } overseers of } Gideon C Smith } overseers
James Dennis } Society } Caleb M Paine } of the Poor

James Dennis } Caretakers of Meeting } Joseph Metcalf & James at
Gideon C Smith } House burial Ground } Turner Haskell } Cumberland
& funerals at Smithfield

Caleb M Paine } Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder
Robert Shove }

From Providence Chas. Atherton Wm. A Robinson & Gilbert Congdon overseers of Society.

Wm A Robinson Jos. C Peckam & Welcome Congdon overseers of the Poor.

Jon^a Congdon Thomas Harkness Jon^a L Slocum Jos C. Peckam Gilbert Congdon Reuben J Peckam Stephen A Hewatt Welcome Congdon Caretakers of Meeting Houses, burial Grounds and Funerals

Geo L Collins & Th. E Steere Reporters of births & deaths
to the Recorder

We have with the unity of the womens meeting accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Joshua Stevens.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Joshua Stevens having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate, This may certify on his behalf, that he is a member of this meeting and an usual attender of the same while with us, his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears, as such we recommend him to your christian care and oversight

By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held 29th of 8th mo 1851.

Oliver Pope
Jane Pope } Clerks

Nathan Pope Correspondent.

Answer 1st to the Queries. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; Those held on First day mornings by nearly all our members - other Meetings are much neglected by some - The hour observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour as far as appears, except some instances of sleeping.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are in good degree maintained and detraction mostly guarded against - Care has been taken to end differences when they have come to our Knowledge

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline

Information ~~being~~ having been recd at this time ~~received~~, that the Meeting House & Fence at Providence require attention, we hereby authorize the committee in charge thereof to do what appears to them necessary & present the bill of expense for the same to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 26. 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome Congdon & Jon L Slocum, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended except one ~~[illegible]~~ whose absence was occasioned by indisposition

We received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting relative to Stock, and we conclude to raise Seven hundred dollars for this & the Quarterly Meetings use and our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect and forward this amount to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 6. 1851 It was concluded to raise Nine hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward in their respective proportions to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting (48%) is Dols 432 Gilbert Congdon Clerk

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Jos. H Atwater & Elisabeth A Hartkup propose publishing their intentions of marriage at this Meeting. And we accordingly received the following communication from the Parties — We appoint Wm A Robinson and Welcome Congdon to make the necessary enquiry respecting his clearness to proceed therein and report at our next meeting. To Providence Monthly Meeting

This may certify that with divine permission and friends approbation we intend marriage with each other Jos H Atwater
Elisabeth A Hartkup

Our beloved Friend Saml Boyd Tobey informed this Meeting — in the discharge of that portion of service which he apprehends will devolve upon him under an appointment by the Yearly Meeting of a committee to visit subordinate Meetings, that he apprehends it will be his duty to attend several of those Meetings — & that he has believed it will be right for him to hold a few meetings with Friends and others This prospect received the full concurrence of this and the womens meeting and he encouraged to proceed therein.

We unite with the womens meeting in restoring to Jo anna Taft (late Robinson) the rights and privileges of membership in our religious society.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th month 24th 1851

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Danl Mitchell & Jacob Metcalf, from Providence Welcome A Greene & Thomas E Steere who are present

The Committee appointed to make enquiry respecting the clearness of Jos H Atwater to proceed in marriage with Elisabeth A Hartkup, reported that they have attended to to their appointment and nothing appears to prevent his proceeding therein — he having consent of his parents as appears by the

following communication from them— We accordingly leave him at liberty to accomplish his intended marriage according to our Discipline and we appoint Saml Boyd Tobey & Jos. C. Peckam ~~a~~ committee to attend it, extend the usual care in the case— present the certificate for record and report at our next meeting— { "We the subscribers do hereby certify that we give our consent for our Son Jos H Atwater to join in marriage with Elisabeth H Harkness. Mead Atwater }
Huldah Atwater }

We have ~~received~~ accepted the following removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting on behalf of Benjamin Buffum & family— the Women's Meeting uniting herein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends — Benjamin Buffum and his wife Ellen K Buffum having removed with their daughter Susan, a minor, within the limits of your Meeting, this may certify on their behalf, that they are members of this Monthly Meeting, of orderly lives and conversation, diligent in the attendance of meetings, and we believe he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction — We recommend them to your Christian care and oversight — Signed on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 28. 1851. Edw. Earle }
Ann K. Colton } Clerks
Edw. Earle Correspondent.

Our beloved Friends John Meader & Elisabeth Meader his wife returned at ~~this~~ time the certificates ~~furnished~~ granted them by this Meeting in the 4th mo of last year— to perform religious service in Foreign Lands— and informed this Meeting that through divine mercy they had been favoured to accomplish the same to the entire relief and peace of their minds: they also gave an interesting account of their progress in the discharge of their apprehended duty, affording evidence that they had been graciously cared for by our Holy Head, and presented the following certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland, and the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London—. They also presented a communication, ~~on behalf of~~ from those professing with Friends in Norway, expressing that the company & religious services of our Friends had been very acceptable to them.

To Providence Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England — Dear Friends — Our beloved friends John Meader & Elisabeth Meader his wife, concerning whom we received your certificates liberating them for religious service in these parts, being present with us at this Yearly meeting after performing a general visit to the meetings ~~to the meetings~~ of Friends in this land, have informed us, that they apprehend their service amongst us is drawing to a close. We certify on their behalf that their company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us & their ministry sound & edifying — Commending these our dear friends, to the guidance of the Shepherd of Israel under every exercise which may yet await them during their present engagement, & desiring that the blessing of Divine preservation may be theirs to the end of their earthly pilgrimage, we are with love your friends — Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of ministers & Elders for Ireland, held in Dublin the 26th of Fourth month & by adjournment on the 3rd of Fifth month 1851-

signed "Joseph Bewly Clerk to the meeting this year=

To Providence Monthly Meeting,
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, & the Yearly Meeting of
Ministers & Elders of New England. Dear Friends

Our dear Friend John Meader has attended this meeting, & has informed us that he & his wife Elizabeth Meader have nearly completed the religious service to which they were called within the compass of our Yearly Meeting & that they have also accomplished the visit to Norway & to Friends of Pyrmont & Minden for which they were liberated by our late Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, & that they believe that the time is now come for their return to their own land

We feel called upon to testify that we have had near unity with our dear friends in their Gospel labours amongst us which have been to our comfort & edification; & that their life & conversation have been exemplary & instructive, And we desire that, in the termination of this their arduous engagement, the peace of God, may be their enriching portion,

Signed in and on behalf of the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 13th of 10th month, 1851
by George Stacey clerk at this time

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month 28th 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Danl Mitchell from Providence Thomas Chace & Jos H Atwater who are present-

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Mitchell Gilbert Congdon & Thomas Hatkins whom we appoint our Representatives

We appoint Welcome Congdon Jos C Peckham & Welcome A Green a committee to make the necessary provision for the accomodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting & report at our next meeting

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Jos H Atwater & Elisabeth A Harkins reported that they attended to that service — that the marriage was conducted in an orderly manner, & that the certificate was delivered to the Recorder.

Information has been rec^d^ that Smithfield Preparative Meeting has collected & forwarded to our Treasurer one hundred & fifty eight dollars of the amo^t^ called for in the 11^th^ mo last.

Being informed that Reuben J Peckham who holds the office of Recorder has removed without the limits of this Meeting — We appoint Chas A Chester Wm A Robinson & James Dennis to propose at our next meeting the name of a Friend to serve the meeting in this capacity until the next annual appointment

We have accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Francis Hacker, the womens meeting uniting therein. To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. Francis Hacker having removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate, This may certify that he is a member of this meeting, has settled his outward affairs and is clear of marriage engagements among us as far as appears — As such we recommend ~~him~~ to your christian care & oversight.
By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28^th^ of 11^th^ mo 1851.

Oliver Pope }
Jane Pope } Clerks

Nathan Pope Correspondent

We unite with the womens meeting in receiving Jane Hopkins as a member of our Religious Society

Ans 1^st^ All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended — Those held on First day morning by our ~~Friends~~ members generally. At other times they have been much neglected by some, The hour has been observed. Some instances of sleeping have occurred at times; other unbecoming behaviour has been avoided

Ans 2nd Love and unity are pretty well maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against — endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared. Ans 10th We believe Friends are careful to deal with Offenders in good degree as queried after, and to place judgment where necessary according to discipline

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 2nd mo 25th 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Tilman Haskell & Gideon C Smith from Providence Jon^a L Slocum & Joshua Buffum who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended

The committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported that they had attended to that service & the expense incurred is Thirty two & 14/100 Dollars.

We are informed that Reuben J Peckham requests a removal certificate to Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District, we therefore appoint Thomas Harkness & Jon^a L Slocum to make the necessary ~~information~~ enquiry & if no obstruction appears prepare one & present at our next meeting

The committee appointed at our last meeting to propose the name of a Friends to serve this Meeting as Recorder, until the next annual appointment — reported that they are united in proposing Sam^l Austin; which being approved by this Meeting he is accordingly appointed; and we appoint Jos. C Peckham to place the books & papers into the hands of ~~Sam^l~~ Sam^l Austin & report at our next meeting.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 3rd month 24th 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Caleb M Paine from Providence Sam^l Boyd Tobey & Sam^l Austin who are present.

Our beloved friend Jared Patterson attended this meeting & presented a minute from Rhode Island Meeting expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement, his company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Jos. C Peckam reported that he had attended to his appointment in placing the books & papers in the hands of Samuel Austin our present Recorder.

We are informed that Providence Preparative Meeting has collected & paid to our Treasurer Dols 542 (Five hundred & forty two dollars) of the amt called for in the 11th m last. & our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the Sum called for by minute from that Meeting held in the 11th mo last

The committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Reuben J Peckam, presented the following which being approved by this & the womens meeting the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf & forward it to the Meeting designated

To Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends for the Western District. Dear Friends Reuben J. Peckam, having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate - We certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society a diligent attender of our Meetings; and having settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears, and being clear of marriage engagements, we recommend him to your christian care and regard, and are your Friends,
Signed by direction and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 24th 1852.

Our dear Friend Angelina Pattison attended this meeting as companion to Jared Pattison her husband & presented a minute from Rhode Island Mo Meeting expressing unity with her in her present engagement. her company has been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to sign on our a behalf a copy of similar minute ~~prepared~~ of the womens Meeting

Through our correspondent, we have recd at this time a circular from the clerk of the School Committee informing that the Boarding School will be vacated after the close of the present term until the time of our next Y. Meeting with a view, if it meets the approbation of the Yearly Meeting of having the School vacated during the Summer Term.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held
4th mo 28. 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M Paine & Robert Shove from Providence Thomas Harkness & Jos C Peckham who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from each of our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as description of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Turner Haskell, Thomas Harkness & Charles Atherton whom we appoint our representatives

Ans 1st Our Meetings both for worship and discipline have been duly held, and attended on first-day morning by our members generally. At other times they are much smaller. The hour appears to be well observed. Clear of unbecoming behaviour as far as appears, a few instances of sleeping excepted

Ans 2nd We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us with little exception and detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them

Ans 3d Most Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation — Mostly pretty good examples themselves — The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

Ans ~~4th~~

So far as we know, with two exceptions, which are under care, our members are clear as regards the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and of the unnecessary frequenting of taverns; also mostly clear as respects places of public resort. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on the occasions refered to.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected, and their necessities relieved, Their children freely partake of learning, and Friends children have been placed with members as far as appears

Ans 6th We believe Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to our discipline

Ans 7th Our testimony in these respects appears to be maintained —

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts; and ~~careful~~ to live within the bounds of their Circumstances.

Ans 9th Care is taken to have marriages births and deaths duly recorded. A few cases have occurred of removals without certificates, a part of which are under notice

Ans 10th We believe Friends are careful to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgment according to discipline

Being informed that our ~~beloved~~ esteemed Friends Silas & Sarah M Cornell, who presented a minute to this Meeting in the 6th mo 1847 from Rochester Monthly meeting State of New York are about to return, within the limits of the same meeting, the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish them with a copy of the following minute.

To Rochester Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of New York. Dear Friends — Our esteemed friends Silas & Sarah M Cornell who came to reside within our limits with a minute from your meeting dated 4th mo 30. 1847, having informed us that they propose soon to return within the limits of your Meeting — We feel it right for us to certify on their behalf that they have been acceptably with us, diligent in the attendance of our Meetings and retaining the station of Elders in unity with us — We commend them to you, with desires for their continued preservation. Signed on behalf & by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Providence Rhode Island the 28th of 4th m. 1852

We have accepted the following removal certificate on behalf of Edward Sutton & his wife Sarah G Sutton the womens Meeting uniting herein.

To Providence Monthly meeting of Friends. Dear Friends Edward Sutton & his wife Sarah G Sutton having removed within the limits of your Meeting request our certificate. This may certify that they are members of this meeting and were frequent in the attendance thereof and have settled their outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend them to your christian care & over sight and remain your Friends. Signed on behalf of Nantucket Mo Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 25. 1852

Cromwell Barnard
Correspondent.

Matthew Barney
Lydia C. Mitchell

We have rec^d through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication from the overseers, concerning Caleb Farnum & we appoint Thomas Haskell & Gideon C Smith to visit him on the account & report at our next meeting.

To the Preparative Meeting – The overseers inform that Caleb Farnum is in the habitual use of ardent spirits for which he has been visited by them but not being found in a disposition to condemn or renounce the practice, we offer the case for the care of the Monthly Meeting

Prov. 4th mo 19. 1852

William A Robinson
Chas Atherton
Overseers

We are informed by our Treasurer that he has paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting the sum called for by that meeting in the 11th mo of last year,

We unite with the womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favour of Eliza Barker

Our esteemed Friend Hannah C Robinson opened in this meeting a prospect of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends of New York, if way should open for it, which claiming our consideration was united with & she left at liberty to attend to the same – being a minister in unity with us & the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a copy of a minute prepared in the womens meeting

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 26. 1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & James Dennis & from Providence Stephen Atwater & Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

The Committee appointed to visit Caleb Farnum informed the meeting that they are not prepared to report, they are continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for ~~behalf of~~ Jane Hopkins and also one to Smithfield Monthly Meeting on behalf of Joanna R Taft.

We have received & read at this time, the report of the committee appointed by the women's meeting, to visit Anna A Jenkins on account of her request to be released from membership in our religious Society, and after due consideration we unite with them in granting her request.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 23.1852

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Robert Shove from Providence Jona L Slocum & Paul Coffin who are present.

The Committee appointed to visit Caleb Farnum presented the following report, which is accepted, and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society, the women's meeting uniting therein & Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case & report to our next meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting. The Committee in the case of Caleb Farnum, report that they have visited him on account of the complaint of the overseers and found in him no disposition to alter his present habits nor any wish to be retained a member of the Society of Friends and it is our judgment that further labor in the case would not be useful, which we submit to the meeting.

6mo 23.1852

Turner Haskell
Gideon C Smith

The Committee appointed 4th mo 1851 to visit Thomas Haines presented the following report & communication from him, which are accepted and with the unity of the women's meeting, we accordingly restore to him the rights & privileges in our religious Society.

To the Monthly Meeting. The Committee appointed in the 4th mo 1851 in the case of Thomas Haines report: That they have from time to time since their appointment given attention to the subject, and can now inform: that the cause of complaint has been removed, They would therefore recommend that he be restored to the rights & privileges of Society in accordance with the request as contained in the accompanying communication

Providence 6th mo 23.1852

William C Robinson
Jona L Slocum
Daniel Mitchell

To Providence Monthly Meeting. Dear Friends
The evil habit of which you have, with so much reason complained has no longer any place with me, as I have entirely abandoned it, with a fixed resolution never again to meddle with this unclean thing. If you can pardon my past transgreſsions and continue me a member of the Society for which I feel an increasing attachment, you will much oblige your friend Tho Haines
Lockport 4th mo 25. 1852

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Westport Monthly Meeting on behalf of Edwin Slade, the women's meeting uniting herein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends. Edwin Slade having removed within the limits of your Meeting, requests our certificate. This may certify that he is a member of this Meeting, diligent in the attendance of Meetings when with us, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction, and is clear of marriage engagements with us. On behalf and by direction of West Port Monthly Meeting of Friends 5th mo. 20. 1852
Our correspondent is deceased.
John Macomber }
Lydia C. Earle } Clerks

Application having been made for a removal certificate to Hartland Monthly Meeting on behalf of Thomas Haines we appoint Charles Atherton & Stephen Atwater to prepare one if no obstruction appears, and present it at our next meeting

Our beloved Friend Edith Griffith attended this meeting and presented certificates from Westland Monthly Meeting and Redstone Quarterly Meeting Pa. expreſsing unity with her Ministry and present religious engagement, her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth K. Irish attended this meeting & presented a minute from Peru Monthly Meeting expreſsing unity with her ministry & present religious engagement. her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friends Lydia L C Stanley attended this Meeting as companion to our friend Edith Griffith & presented a minute from ~~Peru~~ Red-Stone Monthly Meeting. ~~&c~~. expreſsing unity with her ~~ministry &~~ present ~~religious~~ engagement her company ~~& religious services~~ has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend Jeſse Kenworthy attended this Meeting as companion to our friend Edith Griffith & presented a minute from Westland Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish the Friends now with similar minutes to the foregoing.

Our esteemed Friend Hannah C Robinson returned at this time the minute granted her in the 4th mo last to attend New York Yearly Meeting and informed us that she had been favoured to attend to this engagement to the satisfaction & peace of her mind; she also presented a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, expressing that her company & religious services were acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th mo 28th 1852.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C Smith from Providence Paul Coffin & Welcome Congdon who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following* have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends John Meader, Charles Atherton, & Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint Representatives.

This meeting is informed that Gilbert Congdon has informed Caleb Farnum of the decision of the meeting in his case.

We have received and read at this time the Report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Also Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate in favor of Thomas Haines presented one, which being approved by this and women's meeting the assistant clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to the meeting designated. To Hartland Monthly Meeting State of New York,

Dear Friends,

Thomas Haines, who now resides within your limits, has requested our certificate to be joined in membership with you. This is to certify that upon inquiry we find no obstruction in relation to his outward affairs, and that he is clear of marriage engagements so far as we know.

We recommend him as a member of our religious society to your Christian care & oversight, desiring that he may be preserved in watchfulness and circumspection becoming our profession.

Signed in and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th mo. 28th 1852.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Anna Weeden as a member of our religious society.

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from China Monthly Meeting in favor of Sarah J Graves, and her daughter Esther A. Graves a minor.

*Answer 1st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have all been held. On first day mornings they have been attended by nearly all our members. Other meetings have been much smaller. Not unfrequent cases of sleeping occur. Of other unbecoming behaviour clear as far as appears.

2nd Love and unity are maintained amongst most friends; detraction is generally guarded against; when differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

4th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 25th 1852.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C Smith & Caleb M Paine from Providence Welcome A Greene & Samuel Austin who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended.

We have accepted the following removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting. N.H. on behalf of Levi Varney & his wife Eliza H Varney, the womens meeting uniting therein. To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — Levi Varney having removed with his wife Elisa H Varney within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This certifies that they are members of our meeting, of orderly deportment, are diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings, and as far as appears have settled their affairs to satisfaction — As such we recommend them to your christian care. By direction and on behalf of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends State of New Hampshire held 17th of 6th mo 1852 —

Benjamin Fry Correspondent. Stephen Bede } Clerks
Sara Hoag }

We have recd at this time a circular communication from the Committee in charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School informing when the school will be opened, and also requesting information of the number that will probably attend the approaching term.

We appoint Saml Boyd Tobey Wm H. Robinson & James Dennis, a committee to propose to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerks, Treasurer Auditors & Recorder. They are also requested to examine & settle the Treasurers account & report to our next meeting. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward nominations for overseers of Society & of the poor, caretakers of Meeting Houses, burial Grounds & funerals & reporters of births & deaths to the recorder

The subject was introduced of the appointment of a committee in regard to the selection of a suitable Friend or Friends for the station of Elder, and after deliberate consideration we appoint

Elders.

Jonª Congdon. Gideon C Smith. Charles Atherton Thomas Harkness John Meader & James Dennis to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting & if way opens for it proceed therein according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 29th, 1852

The representatives from the Preparative Meeting are, from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and James Dennis; from Providence, Welcome Congdon and Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder, presented the following report, which is accepted, and the friends therein named are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

To Providence Monthly Meeting –

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes Report, that they have attended to the service, and find a balance in his hands of seventy dollars and sixty eight cents ($70 68/100) and also a balance on account of the Charitable School Fund of one hundred and two dollars, twenty four cents (102 24/100)

They propose Charles Atherton for Clerk.
Gideon C. Smith .. Assistant Clerk.
Thomas Harkness .. Treasurer –
Samuel Austin, .. Recorder
Joseph C. Peckham }
Turner Haskell } Auditors –

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel Boyd Tobey

Providence 9 mo 25th 1852

We unite with the Women's meeting in receiving Lydia Mann as a member of our religious society.

Our beloved friend John Meader opened in this meeting a prospect of attending the approaching Quarterly meeting of Dover, and, if way open for it, appointing one or more meetings within its limits, with which this meeting unites and leaves him at liberty to attend thereto, he being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10mo. 27th 1852.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine; from Providence, Gilbert Congdon and Joseph C. Peckham, who are present except one.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with answers from our Preparative meetings to the requisite number, the import of which is contained in the following summary, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting, by our friends Charles Atherton, Turner Haskell & James Dennis, whom we appoint representatives to attend that meeting.

The Preparative meetings have forwarded to this meeting the following names of Officers: which being approved, they are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting –

Overseers of Society, Joseph Metcalf, James Dennis &
Turner Haskell –

Overseers of the poor, Gideon C. Smith & Caleb M. Paine –

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals, Burying Grounds &c at Smithfield James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, Daniel
Mitchell, & Robert Shove.

The same at Cumberland, Joseph Metcalf, Turner
Haskell, & Caleb M. Paine.

Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder,
Jacob Metcalf & Robert Shove.

Providence Preparative Meeting.

Overseers of Society, Gilbert Congdon, William A. Robinson, &
Charles Atherton.

Overseers of the Poor, William A. Robinson, Joseph C.
Peckham, Welcome Congdon.

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds &,
Funerals, Jonathan Congdon, Thomas Harkness,
Jonathan L. Slocum, Joseph C. Peckham,
Gilbert Congdon, Stephen Atwater, Welcome
Congdon

Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder. Geo. L. Collins, Thos. E. Steere.

A Certificate of removal addressed to Swanzey Monthly meeting, for Phebe Robinson, prepared in the Women's Meeting, was read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The following Communication was received from Providence Preparative Meeting:

We have to inform the Monthly Meeting that Moses C. Stevens has united himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society.

Providence, 10m. 20, 1852.
William A. Robinson }
Charles Atherton } Overseers—
Gilbert Congdon }

Charles Atherton and Gideon C. Smith were appointed to treat with Moses C. Stevens on this account and report to next Meeting.

Answers to Queries—

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended;- those held on the first day of the week have been pretty fully attended; midweek meetings and those for discipline are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed, some appearance of sleeping at times excepted.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our Knowledge.

10th We endeavour to deal with offenders in the Spirit and manner queried after, and to place judgment according to discipline.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11m. 24th 1852—

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings were from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Samuel Austin and Joseph H. Atwater, who were present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one whose absence was caused by indisposition.

The Committee in the case of Moses C. Stevens presented a report, accompanied by a communication from him, which was read, and the further consideration thereof was referred to our next meeting.

The following communication from Uxbridge Monthly meeting concerning Amos P. Dennis and Benjamin C. Dennis was received and read, and, in compliance with the request of that meeting, Gilbert Congdon, Wm. A. Robinson and James Dennis were appointed to visit them on this account, and report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

At Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Worcester 10 mo. 29th 1852.

Received at this time two complaints from Pomfret Preparative Meeting, viz. one against Amos P. Dennis and, one against Benjamin C. Dennis, which are as follows; viz.

To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

This is to inform that the meeting's care is needed towards Amos P. Dennis: he has departed from plainness and consummated marriage with one not a member of our society.

Joseph Clapp }
Pomfret, 10mo. 16, 1852 Paul Aldrich } overseers.

To Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

This is to inform that the meeting's care is needed towards Benjamin C. Dennis: he has departed from plainness, and consummated marriage with one not a member of our society.

Joseph Clapp }
Pomfret 10mo. 16. 1852 Paul Aldrich } overseers.

And this meeting being informed that they are both within the limits of Providence Monthly Meeting, the clerk is directed to send a copy of the complaints to that meeting and request them to act on our behalf according to Discipline.

Edward Earle. Clerk.

Edward Earle, Correspondent.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the ninth month, with information that he had been favored to accomplish the service he had then in prospect to the peace of his own mind. He also produced a minute from Dover Quarterly Meeting held 10th Mo 28th stating that his company and gospel labors had been satisfactory to them.

We have received at this time the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting, and we conclude to raise Five Hundred and Forty Dollars ($540,) for this and the Quarterly Meeting's use, and our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect and pay the same to our Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset, 11th Mo. 4th 1852 -

It was concluded to raise Five Hundred Dollars for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of this sum to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Two Hundred & Forty Dollars. ($240) 48 per Cent.

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 29th 1852,

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings were, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith; and from Providence, Thomas Harkness & Daniel Buffinton, who were present.

The Report of the Committee in the Case of Moses C. Stevens, referred from last month, with the accompanying communication were now read, and are as follows:

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee in the Case of Moses C. Stevens, having written to him have received the following communication, which they offer to the meeting, and it is their belief that it is offered in Sincerity.

Chas. Atherton
Gideon C. Smith

Providence 11 m. 24, 1852

Vicinity of La Fayette 10 m. 28, 1852

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Having accomplished marriage with one not a member of society, and thereby violated a part of the discipline, I take this method to inform you that I am sincerely desirous to retain my right of membership, and should be very sorry to lose it.

I feel a strong attachment to the society, and believe in its principles, and intend to conform to discipline. For these reasons, I desire to retain my right of membership.

Moses C. Stevens.

Upon Consideration, the meeting concluded to accept the report, and restore him to the rights and privileges of membership, having the concurrence of the Women's meeting, and Charles Atherton was appointed to inform him of this conclusion.

The Committee in the cases of Amos P. Dennis and Benjamin C. Dennis, which were referred to our care by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, inform, that they have given some attention to the subject, but are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

First Month 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 26 - 1853 -

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis, and from Providence, Joseph C. Peckham and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The assistant Clerk being absent, Gilbert Congdon was appointed for the day.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers received from the Preparative Meetings to the 1st 2nd and 10th, from which the following are selected, as nearly descriptive of our condition, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Jonathan Congdon, John Meader, and Joseph Metcalf, whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

Charles Atherton reported that he had given Moses C. Stevens information of the conclusion of the Meeting in his case.

The Committee in the cases of Amos P. Dennis and Benjamin C. Dennis made the following report, which the clerk was directed to forward to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, with a copy of our minutes in relation thereto.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Amos P. Dennis and Benjamin C. Dennis, on account of complaints received from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, report that we have had an interview with one of them, and two of our number with the other.

They offered no satisfaction, and expressed no desire to be retained members of our religious society, and it is our judgment that further labor with them is not required, which we submit to the meeting.

William A. Robinson
Providence 1st mo 25th 1853 - Gilbert Congdon
James Dennis

Our beloved friend Elisabeth Meader opened in this meeting a prospect which has for some time rested with weight on her mind, of paying a religious visit to some meetings within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and also of appointing some meetings in Sandwich and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings among those not in religious profession with us, which was united with by this meeting, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way; she being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared in the women's meeting.

We are informed by Providence Preparative Meeting that Moses C. Stevens requests a certificate of removal to Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana. Charles Atherton and William A. Robinson are appointed to make the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appear, prepare one, and produce it to our next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting reports they have raised and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting's Treasurer, one hundred and thirty five dollars ($135) toward the amount called for by this Meeting in the 11th Month last.

The following friends are appointed to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, and report the expense to this meeting; Thomas C. Steere, Joseph H. Atwater, and Charles S. Freeborn.

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving Dinah Veazie as a member of our religious society.

The Committee appointed in the 8th Month last in regard to the selection of a Friend or Friends for the station of Elder or Elders, presented the following report, which being approved by this and the women's Meeting, we accordingly appoint the Friend therein named to that station, and the subject is referred to our Quarterly Meeting for its approbation and disposal.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of appointing some suitable person or persons to the station of Elder or Elders, report,

That they have conferred together and were united in proposing Charles Atherton for that appointment.

The Committee of the Quarterly Meeting having subsequently met with them united in this conclusion.

On behalf of the Committee

John Meader

Providence 1 mo. 10. 1853 — Eliza F. Bowen

Answers to the Queries.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those held on the first day of the week by Friends generally. Midweek meetings and those for discipline are not so fully attended. Some care has been taken in this respect. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed; some instances of sleeping at times excepted.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th We endeavour to deal with offenders in the spirit and manner queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to our discipline.

Second Month, 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 23rd 1853. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings, are from Smithfield, Caleb Jr. Paine and Gideon C. Smith: from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Jonathan Congdon, who were present except two, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

The following removal Certificate for Moses C. Stevens, produced by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was approved and directed to be signed, the women's meeting uniting therewith.

To Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana.

Dear Friends

Moses C. Stevens having removed to reside within your limits, and requesting our certificate. This is to certify, that he is a member of our religious society, diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings, and as far as appears, has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. We recommend him to your Christian care, and remain your friends.

The following removal certificate for Rowland G. Barritt, from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting was received, the Women's meeting uniting herein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Rowland G. Barritt, having removed to reside within the limits of your Monthly Meeting, this may certify on his behalf, that he is a member of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, a frequent attender of our meetings, and as far as appears, his outward affairs are settled. We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight.

Signed in and on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Worcester, 12th Mo. 31st 1852

Edw. Earle } Clerks.
Edw. Earle, Correspondent. Ann K Cotton }

And one from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting for William Henry Perry, was also received, with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, as follows:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

William Henry Perry having removed to live within your limits, requests our certificate. This is to certify, on his behalf, that he is a member of our religious society, frequent in attending meetings while with us. The necessary care being taken, it appears that his temporal affairs are left satisfactorily, and he is clear of marriage engagements. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and attention, and are your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of South Kingston Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 27th 1852

Timothy C. Collins, Clerk
Wm. S. Perry Correspondent. Mary S. Collins, assistant Clk.

The following communication respecting Nathan M. Buffinton from Smithfield Preparative Meeting was rec and Jonathan S. Slocum and Gilbert Congdon were appointed to visit him on the account, and report to our next meeting.

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting:

Nathan Morris Buffinton has for a long time wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings. He is now identified and connected with those who have separated from us, and set up meetings contrary to our Discipline, and when treated with on the account manifested no disposition to change his course

Smithfield 2 mo 14, 1853— James Dennis Overseer—

The following communication was received from Providence Preparative Meeting, and Gideon C. Smith, Joseph C. Peckham and James Dennis were appointed to visit Thomas A. Harkness on the account and report to our next meeting.

We have to inform the meeting that Thomas A. Harkness has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us.

Providence 1 m. 18 - 1853—
Chas. E. Whitin }
Gilbert Congdon } Overseers.
William C. Robinson }

The Committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended to the service and incurred an expense of Thirty five dollars and ninety six cents ($35.96), which the Clerk is desired to certify on our behalf.

Third Month, 1853.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 mo. 30th 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Daniel Mitchell and Caleb M. Paine; and from Providence Samuel Austin and Thomas Chase, who are present.—

The committee in the case of Nathan M. Buffinton informed that they had attended to their appointment, but were not prepared to report at this time.

The committee in the case of Thomas A. Harkness made the following report, which is accepted; and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we disown him as a member of our religious society, and Joseph C. Peckham is appointed to inform him thereof:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We, your committee appointed last month, to visit Thomas A. Harkness on the complaint of the overseers, report, that we have had an interview with him: he treated us respectfully, but manifested no wish to be continued a member of our religious society; and it is our judgment that further labor in his case would not be useful.

Gideon C. Smith.
Providence 3 mo 15 - 1853 - Joseph C. Peckham.
James Dennis -

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Edwin Slade requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts. Thomas E. Steere and Welcome Congdon are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears, produce one to our next Monthly Meeting.

Fourth Month, 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 4 mo. 27. 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Turner Haskell; and from Providence Thomas Harkness and Samuel Boyd Tobey; who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the answers furnished by the Preparative Meetings, from which the following summary has been selected, which the clerk is directed to forward to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Meader, Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith, whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee in the case of Nathan M. Buffinton made the following report, which is accepted, and, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we accordingly disown him from our religious society, and Daniel Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed for that service have visited Nathan M. Buffinton, and during the interview, they endeavored to do what seemed proper in the case. We believe that further labour from us will not be likely to effect a change under present circumstances, and we think it may be proper that a minute of disownment should be made against him, which we submit to the meeting.

Jonathan L. Slocum
Providence 4 mo 27 - 1853 - Gilbert Congdon

The Committee to prepare a certificate for Edwin Slade produced the following, which is approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts.

Edwin Slade having requested our certificate, to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your monthly meeting, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting, and on enquiry there appears to be nothing in the way of his proceeding therein.

The treasurer informs that four hundred and five dollars ($405.) have been received from Providence Preparative Meeting, and he is directed to pay our proportion of Stock to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer.

We have received the following communication, respecting Caleb Congdon from Providence Preparative Meeting, and Joseph Metcalf and Jonathan L. Slocum are appointed to visit him on this account, and report to our next meeting.

To the Monthly Meeting

We have to inform the meeting that Caleb Congdon has for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, on which account he has been treated with by the overseers without producing the desired effect.

William A Robinson
Providence 4 mo. 25 - 1853 Chas. Atherton } overseers.
Gilbert Congdon

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate for Joanna Sherman from Swanzey monthly meeting.

Joseph C. Peckham, who was appointed to inform Thomas A. Harkness of the decision of the meeting in his case, reports that the service is performed.

Answers to the Queries -

1.st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, and on first day mornings attended by most of our members; at other times they are much smaller. The hour is nearly observed. Instances of sleeping are apparent, in which some care has been taken: no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

2nd We believe love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; and to exercise some restraint with regard to pernicious reading, and the corrupt conversation of the world; are pretty good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends' families.

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. They are also careful to avoid the frequenting of taverns, and mostly so in relation to places of public resort. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to in the query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of learning, and Friends' children as far as appears, have been placed among Friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th Clear with respect to the several testimonies recited in this query, except occasional attendance of some of our members at places of worship of other religious societies.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts: and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Our records are duly attended to. A few instances of removals without certificates.

10th We endeavour to deal with offenders according to the query, and to place judgment according to discipline.

Fifth Month, 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 25, 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis, and from Providence Jonathan L. Slocum and Welcome Congdon, who are present.

Daniel Buffinton reported that he had given Nathan M. Buffinton information of the decision of the meeting in his case.

The Committee in the case of Caleb Congdon inform that they have given some attention to the case, but are not yet prepared to report. They are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

Our beloved friend William B. Thompson attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with his ministry, and present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Louisa M. Thompson attended this meeting as companion to her husband William B. Thompson, and produced a certificate from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her present religious engagement. Her company is acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, a similar certificate prepared in the Women's Meeting.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate for Mary B. Whittier, from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The following removal certificate for William G. Wing and family, was accepted with the concurrence of the Women's meeting. The name of a Correspondent not being attached to the certificate, as usual, the meeting was informed by a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting that the Correspondent of that meeting is deceased.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends

William G. Wing, with his wife Hannah S. and their minor son George H. having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, have requested our certificate. This may certify on their behalf, that they are members of our religious society, of orderly lives and conversation, frequent in the attendance of our religious meetings, and his outward affairs are in a satisfactory condition as far as appears. We recommend them to your Christian care and regard, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 mo 28th 1853 –

Charles R. Tucker } Clerks –
Sarah H. Anthony }

The subject of holding the afternoon meetings for the city of Providence, at an after hour during the summer season, being brought under consideration, it was concluded, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, to hold those meetings during the present season at 4 o clock, through the 6th, 7th and 8th months; to commence with the first first-day of next month.

6th Month 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 mo 29, 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine; and from Providence Joseph C. Peckham and Stephen Atwater, who are present.

The Committee in the case of Caleb Congdon presented the following report, which was accepted, and with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we disown him as a member of our religious society, and Thomas E. Steere is appointed to inform him thereof.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee named in the 4th Month to visit Caleb Congdon, have attended to their appointment. He admitted the correctness of the complaint of the overseers, but manifested no disposition to change his course. We see no prospect of usefulness from further labor in the case.

Joseph Metcalf
Providence 6 m. 29, 1853. Jona. S. Slocum.

Our beloved friend Mary S. Watkins attended this meeting, and produced a certificate from Goshen Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, in the State of Ohio, expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company and religious

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1854.

The Boarding School Commitee presented their Annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars—12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them. Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamelia C. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst;—Gertrude E. Whittier also, taught the French Language—and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

Orderly deportment has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward and Matron, has been continued in operation during the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as proposed, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness and usefulness of the school. It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general repair alluded to no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school on First Day mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee. The deportment of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted by the Committee to the trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends, Moses Brown, William Almy and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend, Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer as we trust to that source from whence alone true consolation and support come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of matron, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund, -	$6,710 40
From the Charitable Fund, - -	460 00
From the Farm Fund, - -	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, stationery, &c., including $76 21, from sales of some small articles, - - - -	10,316 00
	$17,876 40.
The expenditures of the institution have been:	
By the Treasurer, for fire insurance, -	165 00
Interest on $6,500; borrowed from the Farm Fund, $390 00, and on other indebtedness of the institution, $205 70, - -	595 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18,718 79
	$19,479 49
At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the institution was, - -	$1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of - -	1,603 09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of	$3,559 08

Beside the indebtedness of $6,500 to the farm fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting—$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings—and $80 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing.

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz :—'As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term—and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer Term. Monthly meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term.'

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means for improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavor to promote its interests.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Month, 30th, 1854."

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are reqested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christine Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the women's meeting, in signing a minute similar to this.

Our esteemed friend Ruth Sevol attended this meeting as companion to our friend Mary S. Watkins with a minute from Saratoga Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her present religious engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us. The clerk, in conjunction with the clerk of the women's meeting, is directed to furnish her with a minute similar to the above.

Our esteemed friend John P. Wood attended this meeting as companion to our friend Mary S. Watkins with a minute from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting in the State of Ohio, expressing unity with his present religious engagement. His company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

A removal Certificate for Benjamin Meader, from Dover Monthly Meeting, was, read, and with the concurrence of the women's meeting, accepted, as follows:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends

Benjamin Meader having removed to reside within the compass of your meeting — This may certify that he is a member of this meeting, and, when with us, was of orderly deportment, frequent in the attendance your meetings, and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction, as far as appears. Desiring his preservation, we recommend him to your Christian care, and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Dover, 22nd of 6th mo., 1853.

Joseph Tuttle
Correspondent.

John Meader }
Lydia Thompson } Clerks.

We are informed by Providence Preparative Meeting that Levi Varney requests a removal Certificate for himself and wife to Westlake Monthly Meeting, Canada West. John Meader & Charles Atherton are appointed to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting in preparing one, if no obstruction appears; and present it to our next meeting.

Seventh Month, 1853 –

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7mo. 27th 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, and from Providence William A. Robinson and John Meader, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our Preparative meetings, from which we have selected the following summary, which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting, to be held at Newport by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon and Joseph C. Peckham whom we appoint our representatives.

Thomas C. Steere reports that he has informed Caleb Congdon of the decision of the meeting in his case.

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal Certificate for Levi Varney & wife, produced the following, which was read and approved by this and the women's meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

"To Westlake Monthly Meeting Canada West.

Dear Friends

Levi Varney, with his wife Eliza H. Varney having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This is to certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious society, of orderly lives and conversation, frequent in the attendance of our religious meetings, and their outward affairs are satisfactorily settled, as far as appears. As such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight, and remain your friends."

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, containing the Report of the Boarding School Committee and a minute upon the subject of slavery, were read, and were satisfactory to us.

A number of copies of the minutes of the late Yearly Meeting were received at this time for distribution among our members.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting on behalf of Freelove A Greene –

Answers to the Queries -

1st Our meetings for worship and discipline have all been attended; on first day mornings by nearly all our members: at other times they are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. Some instances of sleeping continue to be noticed: no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

2nd Love and unity appear to be pretty well maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Eighth Month -

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8 mo. 24th, 1853 - The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Daniel Mitchell, and from Providence Joseph C Peckham and Jonathan Congdon, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

Our beloved friend Edward Gove attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

We appoint James Dennis, William A. Robinson, and John Meader a committee to propose to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder: also to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and report thereon to our next meeting. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward suitable nominations for overseers of Society and of the poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Burial Grounds and Funerals, and Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in restoring Eunice Hazen, (formerly Metcalf) to the rights and privileges of membership in our religious society.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in restoring Elizabeth Gifford, (formerly Coffin) to the rights and privileges of membership in our religious society.

Ninth Month - 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Month 28, 1843. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine, and from Providence, Welcome Congdon and Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

The Committee appointed at our last monthly meeting, to settle the Treasurer's account, and to propose officers to this meeting made the following report, which is accepted, and the meeting unites in appointing the friends named therein to the offices designated for the ensuing year, or until another appointment. The Committee is desired to attend to the transfer of the books and funds belonging to this meeting in the hands of the former treasurer, to the one now appointed.

To the Monthly Meeting.

We have examined and settled the Treasurer's account, and find in his hands one hundred and six 24/100 dollars of the Charitable School Fund, and twenty five 30/100 dollars belonging to the Monthly Meeting.

We would propose the name of -
Charles Atherton for Clerk
Gideon C. Smith, " Assistant Clerk
William A. Robinson, " Treasurer
Samuel Austin " Recorder
Joseph C. Peckham }
Turner Haskell } " Auditors

Providence 9 mo. 23d 1853 - For the Committee,
John Meader.

We are informed through Providence Preparative meeting that Robert Steere requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting. Jonathan L. Slocum and Samuel Austin are appointed to make the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appears present one to our next meeting.

We have received through Providence Preparative meeting the following communication from Dexter M. Leonard. We appoint John Meader, Gilbert Congdon and Gideon C. Smith, a committee to visit him on the account, and to report their judgment of the case to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

I have for some time past believed it my duty to request to be taken under the care of Friends.

Dexter M. Leonard.

Providence 9mo. 19 - 1853.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader informed this meeting that she had a prospect of visiting Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings and some meetings belonging thereto, under appointment of the Yearly Meeting, and in addition to this service, of appointing some meetings among Friends and those not in profession with us within their limits. This meeting upon solid consideration is united in leaving her at liberty to attend to her prospect in the openings of Truth, she being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute similar to the above.

Tenth Month. 1853.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10mo. 26th 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, James Dennis & Turner Haskell, and from Providence, Welcome Congdon & Joseph Atwater, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the requisite number from our Preparative meetings. The following summary of the latter was approved, and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Meader, Turner Haskell and James Dennis, whom we appoint our representatives.

This meeting having requested the Preparative Meetings to propose the names of officers for the ensuing year, the following were received at this time, and being approved, they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Overseers of Society for Smithfield Preparative Meeting
Joseph Metcalf
James Dennis
Turner Haskell

Overseers of the Poor.
Gideon C. Smith
Caleb M. Paine

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals and Burying Grounds at Cumberland:
Joseph Metcalf
Turner Haskell
Caleb M. Paine

For the same service at Smithfield:
James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith
Daniel Mitchell
Robert Shove

Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder:
Robert Shove
Caleb M. Paine

Providence Preparative Meeting

Overseers of Society:
Gilbert Congdon
William A. Robinson
Charles Atherton

Overseers of the Poor:
William A. Robinson
Joseph C. Peckham
Welcome Congdon

Caretakers of Meeting Houses, &c at Providence.
Jonathan Congdon
Thomas Harkness
Jona. L. Slocum
Joseph C. Peckham
Gilbert Congdon
Stephen Atwater
Welcome Congdon

Reporter of Births and Deaths to the Recorder:
George S. Collins
Thomas E. Steere.

The Committee appointed to that service produced the following certificate on behalf of Robert Steere, which is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Robert Steere having requested a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this is to certify that on inquiry we find nothing to obstruct his proceeding therein.

The Committee appointed on the request of Dexter M. Leonard produced the following report which was accepted, and, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we according receive him as a member of our religious society, and John Meader is appointed to inform him thereof.

To the Monthly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to visit Dexter M. Leonard on account of his application report that we have had a satisfactory interview with him. We believe he is convinced of the truth as professed by Friends, and he manifests a desire that his life and conversation may be consistent therewith. Believing him to be sincere in his request, we are united in the judgment that it may be right to receive him into membership with us, which we submit to the meeting.

John Meader
Providence 10mo. 18, 1853. Gilbert Congdon
Gideon C. Smith.

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting, the following communication from Job S. Mann. Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, and Charles Atherton are appointed a committee to visit him on this account, and report their judgment of the case to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends:

I have for a considerable length of time been desirous of becoming a member of the religious society of Friends.

Smithfield, 10mo. 8, 1853. Job S. Mann.

The Committee appointed in the 12th month, 1850, to communicate with George A. Weeden in relation to a complaint from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, produced the following report, which is accepted, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society, and Joseph C. Peckham is appointed to inform him thereof.

To Prov. Monthly Meeting of Friends:

The Committee appointed some time since to communicate with George A. Warden, relative to a communication brought against him by the overseers have given the case such attention as, in their judgment, it required; and would now recommend his being denied his right of membership in our religious society - which we submit.

Providence 10mo. 20, 1853— William A. Robinson }
Gideon C. Smith } Committee.

Answers to Queries.

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended: on first days by Friends generally: midweek meetings and those for discipline are much more neglected. The hour is well observed. Some instances of sleeping are apparent: of other unbecoming behavior generally clear.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline.

Eleventh Mo. 1853

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11mo. 23rd 1853 - The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Metcalf, and from Providence Charles Atherton and Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

John Meader who was appointed at our last meeting to inform Lester M. Leonard of the conclusion of this meeting to receive him into membership, not being present, the meeting is informed by the latter who is present that the service was performed.

The Committee appointed to visit Job G. Mann on his request to be received into membership, made the following report, which is satisfactory, and we accordingly receive him as a member of our religious society, the women's meeting uniting herein, and Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him thereof.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Job S. Mason on account of his application to be received into membership with us, report, that we have had a satisfactory interview with him, in which it appeared to us that this step had been taken upon deliberate reflection, under an apprehension of religious duty, and that he appears, so far as we had opportunity to judge, to be satisfied of the truth of the Christian doctrines professed by our religious society, and engaged to maintain its testimonies. We unite in believing that it may be right to grant his request, which we submit to the meeting.

Joseph Metcalf
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Providence 11 mo. 11th 1853 - Chas. Atherton

Joseph C. Peckham, who was appointed to the service, reports that he had given information by writing to George A. Weeden, of the decision of the meeting in his case.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to stock, and we conclude to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, Six hundred dollars, and our Preparative meetings are requested to collect the same and pay it to the Treasurer of this meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset, 11th mo. 3, 1853 -

It was concluded to raise Five Hundred Dollars for the ensuing year - And our Monthly meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this amount to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer. Providence Monthly Meeting's quota is Two Hundred and Forty dollars ($240.) - 48 per Cent.

Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

We have accepted at this time the following removal certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, New Hampshire on behalf of Daniel Meader, the women's meeting uniting therewith.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of Rhode Island.

Daniel Meader, now residing within the limits of your meeting requests our Certificate. This Certifies that he is a member of this meeting, and his pecuniary affairs settled with us to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend him to your care.

By direction and on behalf of Sandwich Monthly meeting of Friends, State of New Hampshire held 8. mo. 18th, 1853.

Stephen Beede } Clerks
Benjamin Fry, Correspondent. Sara Hoag }

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 9th Month last, with information that she had been enabled to perform the service therein mentioned to the relief and peace of her own mind. She also produced minutes from Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting, stating that she had attended those meetings, and that her company and religious services had been acceptable to them.

Twelfth Mo. 1853.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 28th 1853. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith, and from Providence Joseph C. Peckham and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present.

Gideon C. Smith who was appointed to inform Job S. Mann of the conclusion of the meeting in relation to his application for membership reports that the service has been performed.

The General epistle from the Yearly meeting of London was read in this meeting and its contents were truly acceptable to us.

First Mo. 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st mo. 25, 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, and from Providence Joseph H. Atwater and Welcome A. Greene, who are present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers to the requisite number from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following are selected, as descriptive of our State, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Jonathan Congdon, Thomas Harkness and Joseph Metcalf, whom we appoint our representatives.

The following communication respecting Lewis T. Haskell, was received from Smithfield Preparative Meeting. Gideon C. Smith and James Dennis are appointed to visit him on the account, and report to our next Meeting.

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Lewis T. Haskell has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us.

Joseph Metcalf }
Cumberland 1 mo 18. 1854 — James Dennis } overseers.

Also, the following from Providence Preparative Meeting respecting John Fry Tobey. Joseph Metcalf and William A. Robinson are appointed to visit him on the account and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We have to inform the Monthly Meeting that John Fry Tobey has for some time declined the attendance of our religious Meetings, and has united himself with another religious society. Wm. A. Robinson, Chas. Atherton Gilbert Congdon Overseers.
Providence 1 mo 17th — 1854 —

To make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, the following friends were appointed, and desired to report to our next meeting, viz. Joseph C. Peckham, Thomas C. Howe, and Daniel Robinson.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting reports that they have raised and forwarded to the Monthly Meeting's Treasurer, one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.) towards the amount called for in the 11th mo. last.

Our beloved friend Huldah A. Meader, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect which has for a considerable length of time rested with weight upon her mind of visiting Friends within the limits of Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting; also the meetings of Vassalboro' and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, and some meetings in Falmouth, Dover, and Salem Quarterly Meetings, with which this meeting unites, and leaves her at liberty to attend thereto, as Truth may open the way. The Clerk is authorized to sign on our behalf a minute similar to the above prepared in the women's Meeting.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal Certificate on behalf of Elisabeth G. Slade, wife of Edmund Slade from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass.

Answers to Queries.

1 All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended: those on first days by our members generally; in the middle of the week, and for discipline, they are more neglected. The hour is observed with little exception. No unbecoming behaviour apparent, except some instances of sleeping.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders in manner as queried after, and judgment is placed, where it appears necessary, according to discipline.

Second Month, 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 22, 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and Daniel Mitchell, and from Providence Samuel Austin and Gilbert Congdon who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended except one, whose absence was occasioned by indisposition.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting, the following communication respecting George C. Harkness. Samuel Austin and Turner Haskell are appointed to visit him on the account and report to our next meeting. * see next page

The Committee in the case of Lewis T. Haskell, inform that they have given some attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report at this time. They are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of John Fry Tobey made the following report, which was accepted, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we disown him as a member of our religious society, and Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him thereof.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

We have attended to our appointment in visiting John Fry Tobey, and find the communication from the overseers correct. We were kindly received and treated by him, but deem further attention to it on our part, unnecessary, and recommend a minute being made against him as a member of our religious society, which we submit to the meeting.

Joseph Metcalf
Providence 2mo. 22, 1854. William A Robinson

* We have to inform the Monthly Meeting that George C. Harkness has connected himself in marriage contrary to the order of our religious society.

William A Robinson
Chas Atherton } overseers.
Gilbert Congdon
Providence 2mo 14, 1854.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in disowning Elizabeth Harkness (formerly Congdon) as a member of our religious society.

We have received from the monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the Western District, the following removal certificate for Reuben J. Peckham, which is accepted, the women's meeting uniting herein.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Friends,

Reuben J. Peckham having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, has requested our certificate to join him thereto.

The needful inquiry has been made, and no obstruction appears to our recommending him as a member of our Religious Society, to your Christian care and notice, and remain your friends.

From the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia for the Western District held 2mo 15, 1854.

Geo. R. Smith, Correspondent. Charles Yarnall Clerk.

The Committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to their appointment, and have incurred an expense of twenty five dollars, five cents ($25.05). The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the report.

Third Month, 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 3 mo 29, 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell & Daniel Meader, and from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The Committee in the case of George C. Harkness made the following report, which is accepted, and with the concurrence of the Women's meeting, we disown him as a member of our religious society, and William A. Robinson is appointed to inform him of this conclusion.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

We, your committee appointed to visit George C. Harkness have had an opportunity with him; he received us kindly, but did not manifest any disposition to remain a member of our religious society; and we are of the opinion that further labor with him may not be useful, which we submit to the Meeting.

Turner Haskell
Providence 3 mo 26, 1854. Samuel Austin

The Committee in the case of Lewis T. Haskell made a report which was read, and referred for consideration to our next meeting.

Gilbert Congdon, who was appointed to inform John Fry Tobey of the decision of the meeting in his case, reports that the service has been performed.

The following removal certificate on behalf of George Wing and Robert T. Wing, from New Bedford Monthly Meeting was read and accepted, the women's meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

George Wing and Robert T. Wing, minors, having removed to reside within your limits, and a certificate having been requested on their behalf, we hereby certify that they are members of our religious society; of an orderly life and conversation, and frequent in the attendance of meetings while with us. Recommending them to your Christian care and notice we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of New Bedford Monthly meeting held 2 mo 23, 1854.

Chas. R. Tucker }
Sarah H. Anthony } Clerks

Wm. P. Howland Correspondent

Fourth Month, 1854.

At Providence Monthly meeting of Friends, held 4 mo 26th 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield: Joseph Metcalf, and James Dennis, and from Providence William A. Robinson and Dexter M. Leonard who are present.

The Queries, with the answers from the Preparative Meetings were read and considered, and the following summary adopted, as nearly representing our State, which we forward to the Quarterly meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, Welcome Congdon, and Gideon C. Smith, whom we appoint our representatives.

The subject of our records claiming the attention of the Meeting, it was concluded to appoint the following friends a Committee to consider the subject, and report to our next Meeting the mode in which such records shall be kept in future, viz. Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Welcome A. Greene, Samuel Austin and John Meader.

Our Treasurer informs that Providence Preparative meeting has collected and paid Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars of the amount called for in the eleventh month last. Also that he has paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting, two hundred and forty dollars, our proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

The case of Lewis T. Haskell is continued under the care of the Committee another month at their request.

Daniel Robinson and wife having removed to reside within the limits of Swanzey Monthly Meeting requests our certificate. John Meader and Gilbert Congdon are appointed to unite with a committee of the women's meeting, in making the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appears, prepare one and produce it to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. Those on first days by Friends generally. Mid-week meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some. The hour nearly observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior as far as appears, except some instances of sleeping.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friend's families.

4. As far as we know, Friends are careful as regards the several parts of this query.

5. The requisitions of this query appear to be complied with.

6. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried, are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7. We believe our testimonies are maintained in these particulars.

8. We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Our records are attended to - a few instances of removals without certificates.

10. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Fifth Mo. 1854

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo 24th 1854. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Daniel Mitchell and Turner Haskell, and from Providence, Jonathan L. Slocum and Thomas Harkness, who are present, except one.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting relative to records, inform that they have given some attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued and desired to report at our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Lewis T. Haskell made the following report, which was accepted, and with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we disown him as a member of our religious Society, and Daniel Mitchell is appointed to inform him thereof. *

We unite with the Women's meeting in receiving Mary Fuller as a member of our religious Society.

A removal Certificate of behalf of Joanna Shearman, prepared in the Women's Meeting, was approved and the clerk directed to sign it on our behalf.

We are informed by Providence Preparative Meeting that Eber Chase and Content Robinson propose laying their intentions of marriage before this meeting, and the following communication in relation thereto, was received and read.

Eber Chase not being a member of this monthly meeting, the further consideration of the subject is referred to an adjournment of this meeting to be held for the accommodation of the parties at the close of our meeting for worship on fifth day, the eighth of next month.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

With Divine permission, and Friends' approbation we intend marriage with each other.

Eber Chase
5mo 23d, 1854 Content Robinson

Wm. A. Robinson, who was appointed to inform George C. Harkness of the conclusion of the meeting in his case, reports that the service has been performed.

* Report in the Case of Lewis T. Haskell

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Lewis T. Haskell on account of the complaint of the overseers, report, that they have visited him and were kindly received, but he manifested an indifference as to remaining a member of our religious society, and it is our judgment that further labor in his case would not be useful, which we submit to the meeting.

Pawtucket 3mo. 28, 1854.
Gideon C. Smith } Com.
James Dennis }

The exposed situation of the burial ground belonging to this meeting in the city of Providence in consequence of the growth of the city, and the opening of new streets, claiming our attention, the meeting after deliberate consideration, with

The committee appointed for that purpose produced a removal certificate for Daniel Robinson and Wife; which is approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf. To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends; Dear Friends, Daniel Robinson and Hannah C. his wife having removed to reside within your limits, have requested our certificate. These are to inform you, that they are of orderly lives and conversation, diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings, and Hannah C. is an approved minister among us. Their outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction. We recommend them to your Christian care and oversight.

the concurrence of the women's meeting, unites in appointing our friends Thomas Harkness, Welcome Congdon, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William A. Robinson, Welcome A. Greene, and Joseph C. Peckham, a committee with power to purchase a lot of ground more eligibly situated as a place of interment in the northern part of the City, to sell the lot now so occupied, and to make such arrangements, as will best secure the interests of this meeting and provide for the accommodation of Friends. And they are desired to cause the remains interred in our present burial ground to be carefully removed, and re-interred in the ground which may be purchased, first putting the same in good order for their reception.

And the overseers of this meeting are hereby empowered to convey, by proper and legal instruments of conveyance, the lot of land now occupied as a burial lot in the rear of Angell Street, and to the east of Prospect Street, in the City of Providence to the person or persons who shall contract to purchase the same with the committee of the meeting directed to make sale thereof And the said overseers are also authorized and directed to receive a conveyance of such other lot of land as may be purchased by said committee for a burial lot, and to hold the same in the same manner and for the same purpose as they held the lot directed to be sold.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held by adjournment on the 8th of the 6th Month, 1854.

The Representatives were present except one.

The following certificate from Swanzey Monthly Meeting respecting Eber Chase, was received and read, and he is left at liberty to accomplish his marriage according to our order, and Jonathan L. Slocum and James Dennis are appointed to extend the usual care in the case, to present the certificate to be recorded, and to report to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Eber Chase being about to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting, and on inquiry nothing appears to prevent said procedure.

Signed by direction of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset, 5 mo 29, 1854, by

Richard Mitchell
Laura L. Chace

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1854.

The Boarding School Commitee presented their Annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars—12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them. Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamelia C. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst;—Gertrude E. Whittier also, taught the French Language—and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

Orderly deportment has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward and Matron, has been continued in operation during the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as proposed, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness and usefulness of the school. It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general repair alluded to no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school on First Day mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee. The deportment of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted by the Committee to the trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends, Moses Brown, William Almy and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend, Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer as we trust to that source from whence alone true consolation and support come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of matron, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund, -	$6,710 40
From the Charitable Fund, - -	460 00
From the Farm Fund, - -	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, stationery, &c., including $76 21, from sales of some small articles, - - - -	10,316 00
	$17,876 40.

The expenditures of the institution have been:	
By the Treasurer, for fire insurance, -	165 00
Interest on $6,500; borrowed from the Farm Fund, $390 00, and on other indebtedness of the institution, $205 70, - -	595 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18,718 79
	$19,479 49

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the institution was, - -	$1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of - -	1,603 09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of	$3,559 08

Beside the indebtedness of $6,500 to the farm fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting—$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings—and $80 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing.

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz:—'As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term—and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer Term. Monthly meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term.'

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means for improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavor to promote its interests.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Month, 30th, 1854."

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are reqested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christine Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Sixth Mo. 1854

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6mo. 28th 1854.

The Representatives from the Preparative, Meetings, are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine, and from Providence, Jonathan S. Howens and Welcome Congdon who are present.

Our beloved friend Joel Battey attended this meeting, with a minute from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Paige attended this meeting, and produced a minute from Weare Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute comprising the substance of the above.

The Committee appointed in the fourth month last, in relation to records, not being ready to report, are continued, to report at a future meeting.

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, were received and read, embracing the Annual Report of the Boarding School, and a minute relative to the answers to the Fourth Query, in which it is desired that the Subordinate meetings should, in future, make in their answers a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use Spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are requested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christian Discipline on this subject and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as practicable. All which is satisfactory to us.

Also, one hundred copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting were received for distribution among our members.

Daniel Mitchell, who was appointed to inform Lewis T. Haskell of the decision of the meeting in his case reports that the service has been performed.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of the marriage of Eber Chase and Content Robinson, report, that they attended the same, and that it was conducted according to our order, and the certificate has been placed in the hands of the recorder.

Our friend Huldah A. Meader returned at this time the certificate granted her by this meeting in the first-month last, with information that through mercy she had been enabled to accomplish this little service to the relief and peace of her own mind. She also produced minutes from the Monthly Meetings of Farnham, Peru, Ferrisburg, Vassalboro, and Unity, and the Quarterly meetings of Dover, Fairfield, Vassalboro, and Falmouth, expressive of their satisfaction with her company, and unity with her religious services among them: all which is satisfactory to us.

This meeting unites with the women's meeting in releasing Abby Congdon from membership in our religious society at her request.

Seventh Month, 1854

At Providence monthly meeting of Friends held 7mo 26, 1854.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith: and from Providence William A. Robinson and Thomas E. Steere, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from our Preparative meetings, from which the following have been selected as descriptive of our state, and the clerk is directed to forward them to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by our friends Gideon C. Smith, Turner Haskell and Thomas Harkness; whom we appoint representatives thereto.

The following communication from New York Monthly meeting relative to Charles L. Spencer was received and read, and Gilbert Congdon, Samuel Austin and William A. Robinson are appointed to visit him on the account, and report to our next meeting.

At the Monthly meeting of Friends held in New York, 5th of seventh Month, 1854:

The Preparative meeting of New York informed that Charles L. Spencer has married a person not in membership with us, with the assistance of a priest. It being understood that his residence is in Providence, R. I., the clerk was directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Monthly Meeting of that place, requesting it to give the necessary care in the case on our behalf.

Mahlon Day, our correspondent   Wm. Wood Clerk—
is absent from the County at present.

We have received at this time a number of copies of the "Address on Peace" issued by our late Yearly Meeting, for distribution among our members.

The Meeting taking into consideration the difficulty of keeping up the meetings held at Providence and Cumberland on the same day with our Quarterly Meeting, concludes, with the concurrence of the women's meeting to discontinue the meetings held on that day in future. The clerk is requested to forward information of this conclusion to the Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect which has for a considerable length of time rested with weight upon her mind, of attending the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, and some of the meetings constituting it; of visiting some places in going and returning, and of appointing a few meetings among friends and others, which claiming our solid attention, was fully united with, and she was left at liberty to attend to the same in the openings of Divine Truth. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute containing the substance of the above.

Answers to the Queries.

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; on first days by Friends generally; at other times they are more neglected. Some care taken. The hour is nearly observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior, when assembled, except some instances of Sleeping.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

10. We believe Friends are careful to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline.

Eighth Month, 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Month 30th 1854. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Daniel Mitchell and Turner Haskell, and from Providence, Jonathan L. Slocum, and Welcome A. Greene, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee in the Case of Charles S. Spencer inform that they have given some attention to the subject, but are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued and desired to report at our next meeting.

William H. Perry requests a certificate from this meeting to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Weare Monthly Meeting. Charles Atherton and Gideon C. Smith are appointed to prepare one, if no obstruction appears and produce it to our next meeting.

Joseph W. Aldrich requests a removal certificate to Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western District. Charles Atherton and Samuel Austin are appointed to prepare one, if, upon inquiry, no obstruction appears, and produce it to our next meeting.

We appoint James Dennis, Joseph C. Peckham, and John Meader a Committee to propose to our next meeting the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder. Also to settle the treasurer's account, and report thereon. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to bring forward the names of Friends for overseers of Society and of the poor, Caretakers of meeting-houses, burial grounds and funerals, and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

We have received at this time through the Quarterly meeting, a number of Copies of the London General Epistle, for distribution among our members, one of which has been read, and its valuable contents have been edifying and encouraging to us.

We have also received, through the same channel, a number of Copies of memorials of deceased friends, printed by our last Yearly meeting for distribution among our members.

Ninth Month 1854

At Providence, Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9mo. 27, 1854.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis; and from Providence Thomas Harkness and Welcome Congdon, who are present.

The Committee in the Case of Charles L. Spencer, made the following report, which is accepted, and the Clerk is requested to forward it to New York Monthly Meeting with a Copy of the proceedings of this meeting in the case.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Charles L. Spencer on account of the communication received from New York Monthly Meeting of Friends, report, that we have had an interview with him, in which he did not manifest any desire to remain in membership with our religious society, and it is our united judgment that further labour in the case is not required.

Gilbert Congdon }
Providence 9mo 27th. 1854. Saml. Austin } Comm.
Wm. A Robinson }

The committee to prepare a certificate on account of marriage for William H. Perry produced the following, which is united with, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

To Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Wm. H Perry having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this is to certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting, and upon inquiry, no obstruction appears to his accomplishing his intended marriage.

The committee to prepare a removal certificate for Joseph W. Aldrich, produced the following, which was approved and signed, the women's meeting uniting herein.

To Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends for the Western District:

Dear Friends, — Joseph W. Aldrich having removed to reside within your limits, requests our certificate, we certify on his behalf, that he is a member of our religious society, diligent in the attendance of our religious meetings while with us, and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your notice and Christian care, and are your friends.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and to nominate officers for this meeting for the ensuing year, produced the following report, which is accepted, and the officers therein designated are appointed for the ensuing year.

To the Monthly Meeting.

We have examined and settled the Treasurer's account, and find a balance in his hands, amounting to seventy nine dollars and nineteen cents, ($79.19) also a balance in favor of the Charitable school fund amounting to Thirteen dollars and fifty cents ($13.50)

We propose the following named friends to fill the offices designated, viz.

For Clerk, Charles Atherton.
Assist. Clk. Gideon C. Smith
Treasurer, William A. Robinson
Auditors, { Joseph C. Peckham
Turner Haskell
Recorder, Samuel Austin

Providence 9mo. 25th. 1854.
James Dennis
Joseph C. Peckham } Committee
John Meader

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting, the following communication from Moses H. Beede and Huldah A. Meader. As Moses H. Beede is not a member of this monthly meeting, the further consideration of the subject is referred to our next meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting to be held the 27th of 9th mo. 1854:

With Divine permission and Friends' approbation we intend marriage with each other.

Moses H. Beede
Huldah A Meader

10 Mo. 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 10mo. 25, 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith, and from Providence William A. Robinson and Welcome Congdon, who are present, except for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The clerk being absent, we appoint Gilbert Congdon clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first, second, and tenth from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith, & Turner Haskell, whom we appoint our representatives.

The following certificate is received from Rhode Island Monthly, on behalf of Moses H. Beede viz.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Moses H. Beede having requested our certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this is to certify, that he is a member of our meeting, and that, on inquiry, nothing appears to prevent his proceeding as proposed.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo. 28, 1854. Jonathan Dennis, Clerk.

David Buffum Correspondent.

And, at the request of the parties, a meeting is appointed at the house of our friend John Meader, on Sixth-day afternoon, the 27th inst. at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of consummating their marriage and they are at liberty to proceed therein according to the order of our religious society. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Gilbert Congdon to attend the marriage, and present the certificates for Record and report to our next meeting.

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving Joanna M. Peirce as a member of our religious society.

We have received the following removal certificate from Windham Monthly Meeting on behalf of William H. Varney.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Wm. H. Varney has removed within the limits of your meeting. This may certify that he is a member of this meeting a usual attender of the same while with us, of an orderly life and conversation; also that his pecuniary affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and oversight.

By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 29th of 9th Mo. 1854.

Oliver Pope } Clerks
Jane Pope }
Nathan Pope Correspondent.

The following names, prepared by the Preparative Meeting for officers of the Monthly Meeting were considered and approved. They are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

For Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell James Dennis	Overseers of Society.
Gideon C. Smith Daniel Mitchell	Overseers of the Poor.
Turner Haskell Joseph Metcalf	Caretakers of Meeting House &c. at Cumberland.
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Daniel Mitchell	" " " Smithfield
Robert Shove Jacob Metcalf	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

For Providence Prep. Meeting.

Thomas Harkness William A. Robinson Charles Atherton	Overseers of Society.
William A. Robinson Joseph C. Peckham Welcome Congdon	Overseers of the Poor.

Jonathan Congdon
Thomas Harkness
Jona. L. Slocum
Joseph C. Peckham
Gilbert Congdon
Stephen Atwater
Welcome Congdon } Caretakers of Meeting Houses &c Providence & Scituate

Geo. L. Collins
Thomas E. Steere } Reporter of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

Answers to the Queries.

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended. On the first day of the week by Friends generally. In the middle of the week and for discipline, they are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour noticed, some instances of sleeping excepted.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us, and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

11th Month, 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 11th mo. 29th 1854. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, and from Providence William A. Robinson and Thomas E. Steere, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report, that they all attended.

The Committee to attend the marriage of Moses H. Bede and Huldah A. Meader made the following report, which is satisfactory to us, viz.

To the Monthly Meeting:

The Committee appointed for the purpose, report: that we attended the marriage of Moses H. Bede and Huldah A. Meader, that it was conducted in an orderly manner, and the certificate has been recorded.

Gilbert Congdon
Gideon C. Smith

Providence 11 mo. 27, 1854

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate for Abby E. Steere, wife of Robert Steere, from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

12th mo. 1854.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 27th 1854. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Daniel Mitchell and Turner Haskell; and from Providence Samuel Austin, who were present except one: for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The following removal certificate on behalf of Benjamin F. Knowles from Smithfield Monthly Meeting was read and accepted, the women meeting uniting therein.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Benjamin F. Knowles having removed to live within the limits of your meeting, requests our certificate. This may certify on his behalf, that he is a member of our religious Society; and having for a considerable length of time resided out of the limits of this meeting, we can only say that while with us, he was a frequent attender of meetings, and of an orderly life and conversation, and as far as appears has settled his outward affairs. As such we recommend him to your Christian care.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 30th of 11th mo. 1854.

John Osborne Clerk

Arnold Aldrich Correspondent. Esther Osborne Clk for the day

William H. Varney requests a removal certificate to White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana. Charles Atherton and Gilbert Congdon are appointed to prepare one, if no obstruction appears, and produce it at our next meeting.

The following minute from the Quarterly Meeting was received, and we conclude to raise three hundred and fifty dollars ($350) for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise this sum and pay it to our Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Somerset 11 mo. 2, 1854. It was concluded to raise five hundred + fifty dollars for the use of this Meeting:

and our Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Two Hundred & Sixty four dollars ($264) - 48 per cent

Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her by this Meeting in the 7th month last, with information that through infinite mercy she had been enabled to accomplish the little service which she apprehended was required of her to the relief and peace of her own mind. She also produced a certificate or indorsement from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and minutes from Spiceland and Northern Quarterly Meetings, and Mississinewa & Back Creek Monthly meetings stating that she acceptably attended those meetings. All which is satisfactory to us.

1st Month. 1854 -

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1 m. 24th. 1854. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Daniel Mitchell and Joseph Metcalf and from Providence Welcome Congdon and Benj. F Knowles who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 11th from our Preparative Meetings from which we select the following as descriptive of our state which we forward to the ensuing Quarterly meeting to be held in Providence by our Joseph Metcalf. Samuel Boyd Tobey and Welcome Congdon whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate for William H. Varney, not being prepared to report, are continued, and desired to report our next meeting.

The following communication from Sidney Monthly Meeting respecting Charles A. Smiley, was received at this time, and we appoint Gideon O. Smith and Gilbert Congdon to visit him on behalf of that monthly meeting, and report their judgment of the case to our next monthly meeting.

To Providence Monthly meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Received a complaint from the overseers of our monthly meeting against Charles A. Smiley a member of Sidney Monthly Meeting, as follows, viz.

"Charles A. Smiley has transgressed the established order of Friends by marrying with a person not in membership with us, which we submit to the Monthly meeting"

Sidney 12 m. 21, 1855.
William F. Purinton
Joseph Taylor } overseers.
Silas E. Hoxie

which this meeting accepts, and is united in requesting Providence Monthly meeting of Friends, R. I., within the limits of which he now resides, to treat with him on our behalf, and forward the result of its labors to this Monthly Meeting, when accomplished, and the clerk is directed to forward to that Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute, together with that of the complaint.

From the minutes of Sidney Monthly Meeting of Friends, (Maine) held 12 mo 28, 1854.

George Richardson, Clerk for the day.

A minute of disownment in the case of Charles L. Spencer, prepared by New York Monthly Meeting, was received and read, and in compliance with the request of that Meeting, we appoint William A. Robinson to show it to him and inform him of his right of appeal.

To provide for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, we appoint Thomas E. Steere, Daniel Buffinton, & Benjamin F. Knowles, who are requested to report to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended. Those held on First-day morning by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and on week days, they are more neglected. The hour observed. With the exception of a few cases of sleeping, unbecoming behavior avoided. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

10th. We believe Friends are careful to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after; and to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

Second Month, 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 mo. 21st 1855. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis, and Caleb M. Paine, and from Providence Thomas Harkness and Daniel Buffinton who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate for William H. Varney, produced the following which was approved and signed, the women's meeting uniting herein.

To White Water Monthly Meeting, State of Indiana

Dear Friends

William H. Varney who has removed to reside within your limits, has requested our certificate. This is to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society, of orderly life and conversation, frequent in the attendance of our religious meetings while with us, and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction, and is clear of marriage engagements, as far as appears. We recommend him to your christian care and oversight, and are your friends.

The Committee in the case of Charles A. Smiley inform that they have given attention to the subject but are not prepared to make a full report at this time. They are continued, and requested to report to our next meeting.

William A. Robinson who was appointed to show Charles A. Spencer a copy of the minute of disownment in his case forwarded by New York Monthly Meeting reports that the service has been performed.

The Committee appointed to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, report, that they have attended to their appointment, and have incurred an expense of Twenty seven 65/100 dollars. The clerk is directed to certify our approval of this report.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting, dated 11 mo 2 1854 and one from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, dated the 10th of the same month, expressing unity with her ministry and present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Lucy G. Whitehouse attended this meeting as companion to our friend Sybil Jones, with a minute from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her present religious engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Harrison Mayoon attended this meeting as companion to our friend Sybil Jones, with a minute from Falmouth Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with his present religious engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, and furnish Harrison Mayoon with a copy of this minute, also to sign similar minutes prepared in the Women's Meeting, for Sybil Jones, and Lucy G. Whitehouse.

We are informed by Smithfield Preparative Meeting that they have collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting, Eighty Eight Dollars.

3rd Month 1855

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3m. 28, 1855, The Representatives from Smithfield are Turner Haskell and James Dennis, and from Providence John Meader and George L. Collins who are present.

The Committee in the case of Charles A. Smiley report that they have had an interview with him, but are not prepared to report at this time. They are continued and requested to report to our next Meeting.

We are informed by Providence Preparative Meeting that they have paid to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting, two hundred and sixty two dollars towards the sum directed to be raised by the Monthly Meeting. And the Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, two hundred and sixty four dollars, the amount called for by that meeting in the eleventh month last.

A removal certificate for Content R. Chase, wife of Eber Chase, prepared in the Women's Meeting, and addressed to Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends, was read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign it on our behalf.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 25th 1855. The Representatives are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome A Greene and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present except one.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C Smith is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the preparative Meetings, from which the following summary has been adopted, which we forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C Smith, and Gilbert Congdon whom we appoint Representatives.

The committee in the case of Charles A Smiley appointed in accordance with a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting presented the following report which is accepted and the clerk is directed to foward it to Sidney Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

To the Monthly Meeting,

The Committee appointed to visit Charles A Smiley on account of the communication from Sidney Monthly Meeting report; We have had several interviews with him, and after mature deliberation it is our judgment that farther labour in his case will not be useful, which we submit.

Providence 4th Month 24th 1855.

Gideon C Smith
Gilbert Congdon Committee.

The following Certificate in favor of Moses H Bedee was recieved, and with the concurrence of the women's meeting is accepted.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

Moses H Bedee having removed to live within your limits, requests our Certificate. Upon enquiry, nothing appears to prevent, his outward affairs being settled. We therefore certify on his behalf, that he is a member of our religious society, and a minister in unity, of orderly life and conversation, and diligent in the attendance of meetings; as such we recommend him to your christian care, and are your friends.

From Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at

280 | Newport 3rd Month 29th 1855.
David Buffum. Jonathan Dennis Clerk
Correspondent. Avis C. Mumford. Assistant Clerk

Answers to the Queries.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, those on first day mornin by friends generally, first day afternoon, midweek meetings and those for discipline have been more neglected. The hour is nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour notice (a few instances of sleeping excepted.)

2nd Love and unity are generally maintaine and detraction mostly guarded against.
Endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

3rd

Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, are pretty good examples herein themselves, we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families with little exception

4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. and generally careful to observe the other parts of this query.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to in the particulars queried after. None placed out from among friends.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th Generally careful to observe the several parts of this query.

8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to records, a few removals without certificates.

10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after; and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

5th Month 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 30th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence, Thomas Harkness, & Joseph C Peckham who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended.

6th Month 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 27th 1855.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings, are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and Moses H Beede, from Providence Samuel Austin, and Reuben J Peckham who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gilbert Congdon is appointed clerk for the day.

"We have recieved at this time extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, embracing the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, and the proceedings of the Yearly Meeting relative to to this Institution which have been interesting to us; and in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting, we appoint Samuel Austin and Turner Haskell a committee to furnish suitable applicants with certificates.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate prepared in the women's meeting to the Monthly meeting of Friends in New York on behalf of Ruth A. Angell wife of James Angell.

7th Month 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 25th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Gideon C Smith, from Providence, Daniel Buffington and William A. Robinson who are present except one.

The Clerk being absent, Gideon C Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from our Preparative Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled, which we foward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Newport, by our Friends John Meader, Thomas Harkness and Gideon C Smith whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede a minister in unity with us, in a weighty manner opened in this meeting, a prospect which had for some time past impressed his mind, of attending the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, visiting meetings of Friends, and appointing meetings with those not in membership with us within their limits, if way should open for it; which claimed the deliberate consideration of this meeting, and was fully united with, and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended; those held in the morning of first days by Friends generally, those in the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week, are more neglected. The hour generally well observed. No unbecoming behaviour apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2nd Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in good manner as queried after, and judgment is placed when it appears necessary according to discipline.

"We have united with the women's meeting in recieving Fanny Cole as a member of our religious Society.

Eighth Month 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 29th 1855.

By accounts from the preparative meetings the Representatives are from Smithfield are James Dennis and Turner Haskell, from Providence Samuel Austin, and Welcome A. Greene who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

"We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication from two of the overseers, concerning Joseph B Chase, whereupon we appoint James Dennis and Welcome Congdon to give the necessary attention to the case and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

To Providence Preparative Meeting.

"We are informed that Joseph B Chace has united himself in marriage with a person not a member of our society.

Providence "William A. Robinson
8th mo 23rd 1855. Thomas Harkness, Overseers.

"We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Burgess Chase has removed to live within the limits of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa and requests our certificate to join him thereto we appoint John Meader & Thomas Harkness to extend the necessary care in the case and if nothing appears to prevent, to prepare one and present to our next meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Dorcas B Giles as a member of our religious society.

We appoint Samuel B Tobey, William A, Robinson and Joseph Metcalf a committee to propose names for Clerk, assistant Clerk, Treasurer, auditors and recorder. Also to settle the treasurers account and report thereon.

And our preparative meetings are requested to bring forward the names of friends for overseers of society and of the poor, caretakers of meetinghouses, burial grounds & funerals, and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

Ninth Month, 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 20th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C, Smith, from Providence Welcome Congdon and Thomas E Steere who are present.

The committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year, and to settle the Treasurers account made the following report viz.

To the Monthly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurers account, and found it to correspond with the vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of one hundred and eighty two dollars, twelve cents ($\$182\frac{12}{100}$) and a balance to the credit of the charitable school fund of seventeen dollars, fifty five cents ($\$17\frac{55}{100}$). We propose Gideon C, Smith for Clerk

Samuel Austin Assistant clerk
William A Robinson Treasurer
Samuel Austin Recorder
Joseph C Peckham } Auditors.
Turner Haskell }

On behalf of the committee
Providence 9th mo. 18th 1855. Joseph Metcalf

which is satisfactory to the meeting and the Friends named are appointed to the Offices designated for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Committee in the case of Joseph B. Chace not being ready to report, are continued and requested to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Burgess Chase, presented the following, which the meeting approves, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

To Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends
Iowa.

Dear Friends

Burgess Chase a member of this meeting, having requested of us a removal Certificate to your meeting, on enquiry his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears, and we recommend him to your christian care and are your friends.

Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting in the state of Rhode Island.

9th Mo 26th 1855.

The London general Epistle for 1854 has been read at this time to our satisfaction, and a sufficient number for each family in the Monthly Meeting has been recieved.

Tenth Month 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 24th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Turner Haskell, from Providence Welcome A. Greene, and Gilbert Congdon, who are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from the Preparative Meetings, and a selection therefrom has been made, which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly

Meeting by our Friends Joseph Metcalf Samuel B Tobey, and James Dennis whom we appoint representatives.

The committee in the case of Joseph B Chace not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting

The Preparative Meetings propose the following names as officers of Society for the ensuing year viz. For Smithfield Preparative Meeting

Joseph Metcalf
Turner Haskell
James Dennis } Overseers of Society.

Gideon C Smith
Turner Haskell } Overseers of the poor.

James Dennis
Gideon C Smith } Care takers of Meeting houses Funerals & Burying Grounds
Turner Haskell
Joseph Metcalf for the same at Cumberland.

Robert Shove
Jacob Metcalf } Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder.

For Providence Preparative Meeting.

Thomas Harkness
William A, Robinson } Overseers of Society.

Joseph C Peckham
Welcome Congdon } Overseers of the poor.

Thomas Harkness
Welcome Congdon
Jonathan L Slocum
Joseph C, Peckham
Gilbert Congdon
Welcome A Greene } Caretakers of Meeting houses, Funerals, Burial Grounds &c.

George L Collins
Thomas E Steere } Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder.

Which are satisfactory to this meeting and the Friends named are accordingly appointed to the offices designated for the year ensuing.

A Removal certificate being requested for Charles Atherton and family, we appoint Samuel B. Tobey and Gilbert Congdon to unite with a committee of our women's meeting and prepare one, and present to our next Monthly Meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th month 28th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C Smith, from Providence Welcome Congdon and Daniel Buffington, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee in the case of Joseph B Chase not being ready to report are continued and requested to report when prepared.

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Charles Atherton and family presented the following, which being approved by this and the women's meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to Burlington Monthly Meeting.

To Burlington Monthly Meeting of Friends
New Jersey.

Dear Friends,

Charles Atherton and Mary Atherton his wife, with their minor daughter Deborah P Atherton having removed to reside within your limits and requested our certificate this is to certify on their behalf, that they are members of our religious society - of orderly life and conversation - diligent in the attendance of meetings and their temporal concerns are settled to satisfaction among us.

We recommend them to your christian care and are your friends. Signed on behalf and by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, Rhode Island the 28th of 11th mo, 1855.

255 We have, with the concurrence of the women's meeting accepted the following removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in favor of Timothy Earl and his minor daughter Rachel.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends,

Timothy Earle and his minor daughter Rachel, having removed and settled within the limits of your meeting, this is to certify on his behalf that he has settled his outward affairs to the satisfaction of Friends, and that they are members of our Society. as such we recommend them to your Christian care and oversight and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge 9th mo 28th 1855.

Samuel H Colton Clerk for the day.
Edward Earle } Ann K. Colton Clerk
Correspondent.

We have received the following minute from our Quarterly Meeting. We propose to raise that sum for the use of the Quarterly Meeting, and our preparative Meetings are requested to collect the amount and pay to our Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 1st 1855.

It was concluded to raise Nine Hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which our Monthly Meetings are requested to foward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Four hundred and thirty two dollars (Dollars 432) 48 per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting
Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity, opened a prospect in this meeting of attending in Gospel love the approaching Quarterly Meeting of Sandwich and appointing a few meetings within its limits, which claimed the consideration of this meeting and was fully united with, and the clerk was directed to sign a minute prepared in the women's meeting embracing the substance of this.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Twelfth Mo 1855.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 26th 1855.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield James Dennis and Daniel Meader, from Providence Joseph C Peckham and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The Committee in the case of Joseph B. Chase not being ready to report, are continued, and requested to report at a future meeting.

We are informed through Providence Preparative meeting, that Gilbert Congdon requests a Certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, State of Virginia, whereupon we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey and Wm A, Robinson to make the necessary inquiry, and if nothing appears to prevent, to prepare one and present to our next Monthly Meeting.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 11th month last with the information, that through mercy she had been enabled to perform the servic she had in prospect, to the relief and peace of her own mind, she also presented a minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 12th mo 6th certifying that her company and religious services had been satisfactory and acceptable to that meeting. all of which is satisfactory to us.

We have united with the womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting in favor of Phebe M Earle wife of Timothy Earle.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

First Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 30th 1856.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis, from Providence, George L. Collins and Robert Steere. who are present except one:

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the Preparative Meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th, from which the following summary has been adopted, which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, Gideon C Smith, and Welcome Congdon whom we appoint Representatives.

The Committee in the case of Joseph B Chase made the following report, with which this meeting unites and restores him to the rights and privileges of our religious society.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Agreeably to appointment we have confer'd with Joseph B Chase on the subject of complaint from the Overseers and report, that we have attended to our appointment,— and it is our judgment that it will be safe to restore him to the rights and priviledges of membership in our religious Society, which we submit to the meeting.

James Dennis
Welcome Congdon } Committee.

Providence
1st mo 30th 1856.

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Gilbert Congdon, presented the following, which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

To Friends of Cedar Creek Monthly
Meeting — Virginia.
Dear Friends,
Our Friend Gilbert Congdon having requested a Certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting; this is to certify that he is a member of our religious Society, and on inquiry nothing appears to prevent his accomplishing his proposed marriage.

Smithfield Preparative meeting informs that they have raised and forwarded to the Monthly meeting Treasurer one hundred and twenty dollars of the amount called for in the eleventh month last.

The Treasurer also reports that Providence Preparative meeting has paid three hundred and twenty four dollars into the treasury.

We have with the concurrence of the womens meeting accepted at this time the following Certificate from Hartland Monthly Meeting State of New York, in favor of William S Haines.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
State of Rhode Island.
Dear Friends,
William S Haines having removed and settled within your limits, has requested our Certificate; This is therefore to certify that he is a member of this meeting and that his outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled; He is also clear of any marriage engagement as far as we know. Commending him to your kind and Christian regard we remain your friends.

Signed in and by direction of Hartland Monthly Meeting State of New York 11th mo 1855.

Kindra Robson
Correspondent.

William Nellist Clerk.

We appoint Thomas C Moore Joseph Atwater, Francis H Perry and Welcome Congdon to make provision for the approaching Quarterly Meeting and they are desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

"We have united with the womens meeting in disowning Mary Whittier as a member of our religious Society.

Answers to Queries.

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two, omitted on account of inclement weather, and generally by most of our members on First day morning. In the afternoon of that day, and those held in the middle of the week they are more neglected; the hour nearly observed; a few cases of sleeping, & other unbecoming behaviour generally clear. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained with little exception, and detraction mostly guarded against, when differences arise; endeavours are used to end them.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after, and judgment is placed when necessary according to discipline.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Second Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 27th 1856.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Daniel Meader and Turner Haskell, from Providence Thomas E Steere and Samuel Austin who are all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report the expense twenty three dollars and forty cents. and the Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of the report.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Samuel Robinson requests to be dismissed as a member of our religious society whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin Dexter M Leonard, and Joseph C. Peckham to have an opportunity with him and they are desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in disowning Sophia Gardner as a member of our religious society.

Gideon C. Smith
Clerk

Third Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 26th 1856.

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings the representatives are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf, and Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Wm A Robinson and Dexter M Leonard who are all present.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Robinson report, they have had an interview with him, but, are not ready to make a full report; they are continued, and requested to report next month.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Joseph B. Chase requests a removal certificate to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, State of Iowa, we appoint Samuel Austin and James Dennis to prepare one if nothing appears to prevent and present to our next Monthly Meeting.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 23rd 1856.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Job Man & James Dennis, from Providence Joseph H. Atwater, and Welcome Congdon who are presen

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the Preparative Meetings, from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our state, which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, and Turner Haskell whom we appoint Representatives.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting our proportion of the sum called for in the 11th month last.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Robinson made the following report which is accepted, and this meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting discontinues him as a member of our religious Society and Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting.

Agreeably to appointment we have conferred with Samuel Robinson on account of his request to be dismissed from our religious Society. We are of the opinion that considering his present views and feelings, it is advisable to grant his request.

Providence 4th mo 23rd 1856.

Samuel Austin
Dexter M Leonard
Joseph C Peckham.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate for Joseph B Chace presented the following, which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa.

To Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends
Iowa.

Dear Friends,

Joseph B Chace having removed to reside within your limits, applies for our certificate.—

With the information that he is a member of this meeting and that as far as appears his outward affairs are satisfactorily adjusted, we commend him to your christian Care and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence R I.
4th mo 23d 1856.

Gideon C Smith }
Anna T Dennis } Clerks.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favour of Mary Smith.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

Answers to the Queries.

1st

All our meetings have been attended. Those on the morning of first day by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping apparent, of other unbecoming behaviour clear as far as appears.

2nd

Love and unity appear to be maintained with little exception and detraction generally guarded against. endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

3d Friends exercise a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness as queried. after- to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. generally commendable examples themselves. we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine:-the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to keep in moderation on the account of births marriages and on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to; their children have suitable opportunities for acquiring education. — we know of none placed out from among Friends.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th We believe our testimony is maintained in these respects.

8th We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Recording is attended to; a few removals without certificates.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried after and judgment placed when it appears necessary according to discipline.

Fifth Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 25th 1856.

By accounts from the Preparative meetings the representatives are from Smithfield James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Welcome A Greene and Thomas E Steere, who are present.

Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

Samuel Austin reports that he has informed Samuel Robinson of the decision of the meeting in his case.

Our beloved friend John Meader a minister in unity with us, opened a prospect that had for some time rested on his mind, of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York, which claimed the consideration of this meeting and was united with.

The Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Elders inform that with the concurrence of a Quarterly Meetings committee they are united in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gilbert Congdon with which this meeting unites.

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting in favour of Sarah Ann Perry wife of William H. Perry.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

Sixth Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th month 25th 1856.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, are from Smithfield, Robert Shove and Daniel Meader, from Providence Welcome Congdon and James Reynolds, who are all present.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him last month, with the information that he had attended to the service he had in prospect much to his relief and comfort. he also presented a minute from the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New York, certifying that his company and gospel labors had been acceptable and encouraging to them; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

Seventh Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 30th 1856.

The representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Caleb M Paine and Turner Haskell, from Providence Robert Steere and Dexter M Leonard, who are all present.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from our preparative meetings a summary from which we foward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Turner Haskell, John Meader, and James Dennis whom we appoint representatives.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that James Robinson has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society, Jonathan L Slocum and Samuel Austin are appointed to visit him on the account and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We unite with the women's meeting in the acceptance of a removal certificate in favour of Elizabeth Ann Congdon wife of Gilbert Congdon.

We unite with the women's meeting in releasing Elizabeth B. Haskell from membership with us.

We unite with our women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate in favour of Elizabeth Earl.

Answers to Queries.

Ans 1st

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although there is a remissness in some of our members in the due attendance thereof particularly in the middle of the week, the hour is nearly observed, not wholly preserved from sleep, but clear of other unbecoming behaviour we know not

2nd 〃 Love and unity are maintained amongst us with little exception, and detruction mostly guarded against; endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

10th 〃.

Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in a good degree according to the query; and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Gideon C Smith, Clerk

Eighth Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th 〃 mo 27th 〃 1856.

By accounts from the Preparative Meetings the Representatives are from Smithfield Daniel Meader and James Dennis, from Providence Benjamin F Knowles, and Jonathan L Slocum, who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The committee in the case of James Robinson made the following report with a communication from him which is satisfactory and we continue him a member having the concurrence of our women's meeting and Joseph C Peckham is appointed to inform him of this decision.

To the Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed for that purpose have visited James Robinson. Our interview was satisfactory and he presents through us the accompanying communication; which we recommend to the favorable consideration of the meeting.

for the committee
Samuel Austin.

Providence 8th mo 27th 〃 1856.

Dear Friends

Notwithstanding my failure to comply with the usual order of the society in connecting myself in marriage with a person not a member thereof, yet feeling attached to the "principles of Friends, I am desirous of retaining my right of membership and hope Friends may see fit to comply with my wishes.

James Robinson.

To Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends.

Providence 8th mo 25th 1856.

Extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting embracing the annual report of the Boarding School Committee have been recieved and read at this time and are satisfactory to us

We unite with our women's meeting in disowning Rebecca Chace as a member of our religious society.

We have recieved through the Quarterly Meeting a number of copies of the London General Epistle for distribution among our members, the reading of which is deferred to our next meeting.

We appoint Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkneſs and Welcome Congdon a committee to propose names for Clerk, assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Auditors and Recorder. Also to settle the Treasurer's account and report thereon. And our Preparative Meetings are requested to bring foward the names of Friends for Overseers of Society and of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses, funerals and burial grounds and reporters of births and deaths to the recorder.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 24th 1856.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence John Meader and Welcome A. Greene who are all present.

The Committee appointed to bring forward names for officers made the following report, viz, which is satisfactory, and the friends named are accordingly appointed to the services designated for the year ensuing.

To the Monthly Meeting:

"We have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts and find a balance in his hands of One hundred sixty two dollars and fifty seven cents belonging to the Monthly Meeting, and One dollar and fifty five cents belonging to the Charitable School fund— and we propose, Gideon C Smith for Clerk
Samuel Austin Assistant Clerk
William A Robinson Treasurer
Turner Haskell } Auditors
Joseph C Peckham }
Samuel Austin Recorder

Providence 9th mo 20th 1856

Joseph Metcalf } Committee
Thomas Harkness }
Welcome Congdon. }

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting approving of his ministry and present religious engagements. His company & religious services are acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

oseph C Peckham reports he has informed James Robinson of the decision of this meeting in his case.

The London general Epistle has been read this time, its contents have been satisfactory and difying to us. Gideon C Smith Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 29th 1856.

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C Smith and Joseph Metcalf from Providence George L Collins, and Joseph C Peckham who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the requisite answers from the preparative meetings, from which a selection has been mad which the Clerk is directed to foward for the information of the next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Turner Haskell Wm A Robinson and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint representatives.

The Preparative Meetings propose the following names to serve the meeting as officers for the ensuing year which are satisfactory to this meeting and they are accordingly appointed to the offices designated.

For Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell James Dennis	Overseers of Society.
Turner Haskell Gideon C Smith	Overseers of the poor.
James Dennis Gideon C Smith Caleb M Paine	Caretakers of Meeting houses funerals and burying grounds at Smithfield.
Turner Haskell Joseph Metcalf	Same service at Cumberland
Robert Shove Jacob Metcalf	Reporters of births & deaths to the recorder

For Providence Preparative Meeting.

Thomas Harkness Wm A Robinson Samuel Austin	Overseers of society.
Welcome Congdon Joseph C Peckham	Overseers of the poor.

Thomas Harkness
Welcome Congdon
Joseph C Peckham
Wm A Robinson
Welcome A Greene
Jonathan L Slocum
Dexter M Leonard
} Caretakers of Meeting houses Funerals and burial grounds.

Thomas E Steere
George L Collins
} Reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder.

Our beloved friend Ann Kenworthy attended this meeting with a minute from White Water Monthly Meeting endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting of Friends Indiana, expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf = minute comprising the substance of the above

Our beloved friend William Kenworthy attended this meeting as companion to his wife our friend Ann Kenworthy, with a minute from White Water Monthly Meeting of Friends stating their unity with him as an elder and in his present engagement. his company has been acceptable to us the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey a minister in unity with us opened a prospect in this meeting of attending the several Quarterly Meetings of this Yearly Meeting, and as way may open for it, of visiting and appointing a few meetings within their limits, his prospect was fully united with and he left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may direct; the Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede returned at this time the Certificate granted him in 7th mo 1855 with the information that through favour he had performed the service he had in prospect with the reward of peace; he also produced returning minutes from Indiana Yearly Meeting held in 1855 and in 1856. and from Ohio Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held in 1855. ~~from Pleasant Plane Quarterly Meeting Iowa held 24th of 11th mo 1855.~~

and from the Quarterly Meetings held at Alum Creek 27th of 9th mo 1855. Salem, Pleasant Plane held 24th of 11th mo 1855. Miami, West Branch, New Garden, Spiceland, Westfield, Alum Creek, in 31st of 3rd mo 1856. Blue River, White Water, Pleasant Plane 23rd of 8th mo 1856.
also from the Monthly Meetings of Newgarden Salem Ohio, Sandy Spring, Upper Springfield, Spring Creek, Richland, Pleasant Plane, East Grove, Three Rivers, Red Cedar, Mill Creek, West Branch, Cincinnati, Cezars Creek, Clear Creek, Centre, Dover, Miami, Springfield White Water, & Salem Iowa, stating that his company and gospel labors had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held. 11th mo 26th 1856.

The Representatives from the preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Moses H Beede and Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Thomas Harkness and Thomas Chace who are all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

"We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to stock and we conclude to raise 250 dollars for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting, and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise the above sum and pay to our Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 6th 1856.

This meeting concludes to raise four hundred dollars which the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer.

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is One hundred and ninety two dollars ($192) - 48 per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting,
Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

We have received through Smithfield Preparative meeting a communication from George H Hawes, whereupon we appoint Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C Smith to visit him on the account and report at a future meeting.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Twelfth Month 1856.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 12th mo 24th 1856.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence Wm A Robinson and Joseph C Peckham, who are all present.

The Committee in the case of George H Hawes not being ready to report are continued and requested to report at a future meeting.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

First Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo 28th 1857.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Turner Haskell, from Providence Benjamin F. Knowles and Joseph Atwater who are present.

The Queries have been read with the requisite answers from our Preparative meetings, from which we select the following, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Joseph C Peckham, and Thomas Harkness, whom we appoint representatives.

We appoint Welcome Congdon and Joseph C Peckham a committee to make provision for the approaching Quarterly meeting and they are requested to report to our next Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield preparative meeting informs of having paid our Treasurer sixty two dollars of the amount called for in the eleventh month last; the Treasurer also informs that Providence

Preparative meeting has paid one hundred and eighty eight dollars making the amoun called for.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of the amount called for in the 11th mo last

Our beloved friend Moses H Beede a minister with whom we have unity, opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some months rested on his mind, of visiting in the love of Truth, the meetings of Friends in the Quarterly Meetings of Salem, Dover, Falmouth, Vassalboro and Fairfield, and of appointing some meetings among those not in religious profession with us, if way should open for it; his prospect claimed our solid consideration and was fully united with, and he left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may direct. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

We have united with the women's meeting in the appointment of Sarah Fry Tobey and Mary Almy Smith to the station of Elders.

Answers to the Queries

1. All our meetings have been attended — those on first day mornings by friends generally, in the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed, and except a few instances of sleeping no unbecoming behaviour apparent.

2nd Love and unity pretty well maintain'd and detraction guarded against; when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, though not always as seasonably as might be best; judgment placed when necessary according to discipline.

Second Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd month 25th 1857.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Caleb M Paine, from Providence Robert Steere and Daniel Buffington who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended.

The Committee to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly meeting report the expense to have been seventeen dollars and twenty cents which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to certify the same.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Third Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd month 25th 1857.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence Welcome A Greene, and Thomas Harkness who are all present.

We have recieved through Providence Preparative meeting the following communication concerning Charles J Peckham, whereupon we appoint Wm A Robinson and Thomas E Steere, to give the necessary attention to the case and report to a future meeting.

"We are informed that Charles J Peckham has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious society.

Wm A Robinson
Thomas Harkness
Samuel Austin
Overseers."

We have recieved through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Wm G Peckham; whereupon we appoint Welcome A Greene, Samuel Austin, and Welcome Congdon to ~~communicate with him~~ give the necessary attention in the case and report to a future meeting.

"We are informed that Wm J Peckham has connecte
himself in marriage with a person not a memb
of our religious Society.

Wm A Robinson
Thomas Harkness } Overseers,"
Samuel Austin.

Gideon C Smith, Clerk

Fourth Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 29th 1857.

The representatives are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Robert Shove, from Providence Samuel Austin, and Welcome Congdon, who are all present.

"The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from the preparative meetings from which the following summary has been adopted, which we forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gilbert Congdon, Joseph C Peckham and Turner Haskell, whom we appoint representatives.

"We have received the following certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting, in favor of Joseph Cartland and his wife Gertrude E W. Cartland, which we accept with the concurrence of the women's meeting.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends,

Joseph Cartland and his wife Gertrude E W Cartland having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting and requested our Certificate; This may certify in their behalf, that they are members of this meeting, orderly in their deportment, careful in regard to the attendance of meetings, and have settled their outward affairs among us to satisfaction.

With desires for their best welfare, we recommend them to your christian care, and are your friends.
Signed by direction and on behalf of Dover Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rochester 3d mo 25th 1857. Stephen Jenkins Clerk
Joseph Tuttle Correspondent. Phebe H. Meader Clerk

We appoint John Meader, Gilbert Congdon & Joseph Metcalf to visit Horace B. Knowles on account of a communication received from him and report their judgment in his case to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity, spread before this meeting a prospect of attending in the love of the Gospel, the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in New York, which claimed the consideration of this meeting and was fully united with; and the clerk directed to sign a minute embracing the substance of this.

We unite with the women's meeting in disowning Sarah Razee as a member of our religious society.

Answers to the Queries.

1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended — those on first day morning by Friends generally; those held at other times are much neglected by some. The hour is generally observed. Friends are preserved from unbecoming behaviour - except some cases of sleeping.

2nd Love & unity are maintained with little exception and detraction mostly guarded against. endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

3d Friends generally manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in a good degree of plainness — to restrain them from pernicious reading & corrupt conversation — In these respects they are pretty good examples themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th We believe Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Care is taken to provide for the due instruction of their children. No children placed out from among Friends.

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6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th We believe our testimony is maintained in these several particulars.

8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts,— punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumst(nces.

9th Careful as to records, — a few removals without Certificates, some care taken.

10th

Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, altho not always as seasonably as would be best, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Fifth Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 27th 1857.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf, and James Dennis, from Providence, Dexter M Leonard and Wm A Robinson, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The committee in the case of Horace B Knowles not being ready to report, are continued and requested to report to a future meeting.

We unite with our women's meeting in releasing Ellen M Haskell from membership with us, with desires for her best welfare.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 25th 1857.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence Samuel Austin, and James Reynolds, who are present.

We have received the following complaint from the overseers concerning Henry A Paine.

Henry A Paine a minor has so far departed from a course of moral rectitude as to be accused of an offence against the laws and peace of the state, and on being treated with by the overseers, did not deny the same. We hereby present the same case to the Preparative Meeting.

Joseph Metcalf
James Dennis Overseers.
Turner Haskell

whereupon we conclude with the concurrence of the women's meeting to disown him as a member of our religious society, and appoint Gideon C Smith to inform him thereof.

Our beloved friend Samuel Boyd Tobey returned at this time the minute granted him in tenth month last, with the information that he had accomplished the service he had in prospect to the peace of his own mind, he also presented copies of minutes from the Quarterly Meetings of Fairfield, Vassalboro, Sandwich, Smithfield, Dover, Salem, and Falmouth, informing his company and gospel labours had been acceptable & satisfactory to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the fourth month, with the information that she had performed the service she had in prospect to the peace of her own mind, she also presented a minute from New England Yearly Meeting of ministers & elders, informing her company had been acceptable to them; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

Seventh Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month 29th 1857.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haske and Gideon C Smith, from Providence Joseph Cartland & Welcome A Greene, who are present.

Our beloved friend Jonah Hole attended this meeting, with a certificate from Allum Creek Monthly Meeting of 3d mo last, endorsed by Allum Creek Quarterly Meeting uniting with him as a minister, and in his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Sarah Hole attended this meeting in company with her husband Jonah Hole, with a certificate from Allum Creek Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as an elder, and with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting, by our friends, Wm A Robinson, Gideon C Smith, and Samuel Austin whom we appoint representatives.

The committee in the case of William J Peckham made the following report viz,

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends,

The undersigned, your Committee to visit Wm J Peckham — Report — That they have had correspondence and interviews with him of the most friendly character; While deeming it desirable on some accounts to retain his right of membership — he candidly admits that he has no right to ask to be retained, knowing that it will be impossible to conform to discipline in many respects under these circums

=ances, we recommend to the meeting to discon=tinue him as a member of our religious society.
Welcome A Greene, Welcome Congdon,
Samuel Austin, Providence 4th mo 27th 1857.

which is accepted and with the concurrence of the womens meeting we conclude to discon=tinue him as a member of our religious society, Wm A Robinson is appointed to inform him of this decision.

Gideon C Smith informed the meeting that he has informed Henry A Paine of the conclusion of the meeting in his case.

Our beloved friend John Meader a minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect which had for a long time impressed his mind of attending in the love of the Gospel, the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, of visiting some of the meetings within their limits, particularly Friends in the northwestern parts of the latter Yearly Meeting, attending a few meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, and of appointing a few meetings among Friends and others if way should open for it, which claimed the deliberate consideration of this meeting was fully united with and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read, containing the report of the Boarding School committee and the following explanation minute in regard to making additions to meetings of ministers and elders.

On reading the Records of this meeting for last year, our attention was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed to the

Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings by the Quarterly Meeting — and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

Answers to the Queries.

1st

All our meetings have been attended — on first day morning by Friends generally, — in the afternoon of that day and on other days of the week they are more neglected — The hour is observed — — Friends are preserved from unbecoming behaviour therein except some instances of sleeping.

2nd Love and unity are maintained with little exception and detraction mostly guarded against, endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried, and judgment, when it appears necessary, placed according to Discipline.

Gideon C Smith, Clerk

Eighth Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 26th 1857.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell, and Job Mann, from Providence [illegible] and [illegible] Collins, who are all present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

The following certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favour of [illegible] and his wife Elizabeth it has been received and with the concurrence of the womens meeting is accepted.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Peter D Healy and his wife Elizabeth R having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate, this may certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious Society, orderly in life and frequent attenders of meetings, and on inquiry their outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction; as such we recommend them to your christian care.

On behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo 1st 1857.

Perez Peck
Bethiah D Parker Clerks.

Rowland Greene
Correspondent.

We are informed through Smithfield Preparative meeting that Daniel Meader requests a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of Berwick Monthly Meeting, whereupon we appoint James Dennis and Gideon C Smith to make the necessary inquiry and if nothing appears to prevent, to present one to our next Monthly meeting.

We appoint Joseph Metcalf James Dennis and Wm A Robinson to propose to our next Monthly Meeting the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditor and Recorder; also to examine and settle the Treasurers account and report thereon. And our preparative Meetings are requested to forward suitable names for overseers of Society and of the poor, Caretakers of meeting houses, Funerals and Burial grounds, and reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Wm A Robinson reports he has informed Wm J Peckham of the decision of the decision of the meeting in his case.

Our beloved friend Gideon C Smith having expressed that he believes it may be right for him to accompany our friend John Meader in such portions of his contemplated religious visit as way may open for, - we certify that he is a member of this meeting in good esteem, and has the full unity of his friends in this engagement.

Gideon C Smith
Clerk

Ninth Month, 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 23d 1857

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis - from Providence, Wm A. Robinson and Calvin Knowles.

The Committee appointed at our last monthly meeting reported, as follows,

To the Monthly Meeting

We have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find in his hands two hundred & forty nine dollars & thirty two cents ($249.$\frac{32}{100}$) belonging to the monthly meeting; & Twenty five dollars and fifty five cents (25\frac{55}{100}$) belonging to the "Charity-School Fund"

We propose Samuel Austin for Clerk
Benjamin Franklin Knowles " Assistant Clk.
William A. Robinson " Treasurer
Turner Haskell &
Joseph C. Peckham } " Auditors
Samuel Austin " Recorder

Providence 9th mo 19th 1857

On behalf of the Committee
James Dennis

On consideration the Friends therein named are appointed to the several services designated, for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

We have received through the Quarterly Meeting 123 copies of the London General Epistle for 1856. This document has at this time been read in our meeting - we trust to our edification.

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported the following essay which the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish to Daniel Meader

To Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends (State of Me.)

Dear Friends

Daniel Meader having applied to this meeting for a certificate to enable him to proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting, this is to certify that he is a member of our religious society & on inquiry nothing appears to prevent his proceeding in the accomplishment of his intentions

Samuel Austin, clerk

Tenth Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Month 28th 1857.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative meeting Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Preparative meeting Joseph Cartland & Wm A. Robinson who are all present.

The Queries have been read, with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th; a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Wm. A. Robinson, James Dennis & Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint our Representatives

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the Friends named as follows for the several Services designated - viz -

Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Turner Haskell	Overseers of Society
Turner Haskell Gideon C. Smith	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb M. Paine	Caretakers of Meeting house Funerals & Burial ground at Smithfield
Turner Haskell Joseph Metcalf	For the same Services at Cumberland
Robert Sime Jacob Metcalf	Recorders of Births [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

318. and Providence Preparative Meeting, the following - viz -

William A. Robinson Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
William A. Robinson Welcome A. Greene Joseph C. Peckham Jonathan C. Greene Welcome Congdon Dexter M. Leonard	Caretakers of Meeting House Funerals & Burial Ground at Providence
Thomas C. Steere Geo. G. Collins.	Reporters of Births, Deaths &c to the Recorder

which propositions being severally united with by this meeting the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till another appointment

Our Friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 7th month last, with the information that he had accomplished the service he then had in prospect, as far as way opened for, to the relief & peace of his own mind. He also presented copies of minutes from Friends of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Fairfield Mo. Mtg. & Alum Creek Monthly Meeting; & from Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting & Ohio & Indiana Yearly Meetings certifying that his company & religious services had been acceptable to them, which with the verbal information given by our Friend is satisfactory to us.

Our Friend, Gideon C. Smith, returned a minute granted him in the 8th mo. last with copies of minutes from Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting, Alum Creek, Greenwich, Fairfield Monthly Meetings & Ohio Yearly Meeting certifying that he had acceptably attended those several meetings.

The Treasurer is requested to hire, for the use of this meeting, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars for the purpose of settling liabilities already incurred or which may be incurred -

in carrying out the directions of this meeting in procuring & inproving a suitable place for a burying ground for the society & removing thereto the remains of deceased persons from the former place of interment.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended - those held in the afternoon of First day and in the middle of the week are much neglected by some. The hour generally well observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent.

2d Love and unity are maintained with little exception & detraction generally guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders - we trust, in manner queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline.

Samuel Austin, clerk.

Eleventh Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 25th 1857. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and Robert Shove; from Providence, Thomas E. Steere &, Dexter W. Lombard - who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting all report that they attended

Our friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 12 month of this year, with the information that he had accomplished the service he then had in view, much to the relief of his mind. He also produced copies of minutes from Dover Fairfield, Vassalboro', Falmouth & Salem Quarterly Meeting & Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, certifying that his company and services had been acceptable to them - which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved Friend Moses H. Beede a minister in unity expressed in this meeting a concern to attend the ensuing Quarterly meeting for Sandwich; to visit some meetings within its limits and appoint a few meetings for those not in membership with us; which is united with by this meeting & he is left at liberty to accomplish his prospect in the ordering of truth. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Samuel Austin,, clerk

Twelfth Month 1857.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Mo. 30th 1857.

The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative meeting, Caleb M. Paine & Moses H. Beede; from Providence Calvin Knowles & Joseph H. Atwater; who are present

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relativ to stock. Our treasurer is requested to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's treasurer the amount called for by that meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 5th 1857.

It was concluded to raise four hundred & fifty dollars ($450) for the use of this meeting; and our Monthly meetings are requested to forward the same to Reliance Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence monthly meeting is Two hundred & sixteen dollars ($216) 48 per cent

From the minutes of the meeting
Gilbert Congdon
Clerk

We have received from the committee in the case of Charles J. Peckham the following report. On consideration we conclude, with the unity of the women's meeting, to disown him as a member of our religious Society; and Thomas E. Steere is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting in this case

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

Having some months since been appointed to communicate with Charles J. Peckham, relative to his marriage with a person not a member of our Society - we have given the case such care as seemed proper. We believe further attention to the matter unnecessary & apprehend his being longer retained a member would not be wise.

Respectfully submitted
Providence 11mo. 25th 1857.
Wm. A. Robinson }
Thos. C. Steere } Com.

We have received from the Preparative meeting the following communication. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Samuel Austin to visit Wm B. Tobey on the account and to report at our next meeting

To Providence Preparative Meeting

William B. Tobey has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society

Providence 12th mo. 21st 1858.
William A. Robinson }
Saml. Austin } Overseers

Samuel Austin - Clerk

First Month 1858

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month 27th 1858

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative meeting James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf; from Providence Prep. Mtg. Welcome Congdon & Wm A Robinson; who are present except one

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th a summary of which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends John Meader, James Dennis & Joseph C. Peckham whom we appoint our Representatives

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Welcome A. Greene & Thomas C. Steere a committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting - to report at our next meeting.

322. We have received from the Committee in the case of William B. Tobey, the following report. On consideration, we accordingly discontinue him a member of our religious Society - the women's meeting uniting: & Gilbert Congdon is appointed to inform him of the decision of this meeting

To the Monthly Meeting

Under appointment we have had an interview with William B. Tobey. He manifests a regard and interest in Friends, but situated as he is, he feels that it is hardly to be expected that they will retain him as a member of our Religious Society

We think that farther labor from a committee will not be useful; - which we submit to the meeting

Providence 1st mo 26th 1858.

Gideon C. Smith
Samuel Austin

The Committee in the case of George H. Hawes made a report at this time, the farther consideration of which is deferred to our next meeting

Thomas E. Steere reports that he has written to Charles J. Peckham informing him of the decision of this meeting in his case

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Answers to Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except one [illegible] one time omitted on account of a funeral in the neighborhood; those on first day morning by Friends generally - others too much neglected by some. The hour generally well observed & no unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping

2d. Love & unity are maintained with little exception; & detraction is mostly guarded against. Endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as [illegible] after - & to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline

Second Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d month 24th 1858.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield, Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence George L. Collins and Joseph H. Atwater, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Committee appointed to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the late Quarterly Meeting, reported at this time. The expense incurred by them is Eighteen & 24/100 dollars ($18\frac{24}{100}$) The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, certifying their unity with her as a minister and in her present engagement,—which includes a prospect of visiting a part or all of the families of Friends in this Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The case of George H. Hawes coming before this meeting from the minute of last month, it is concluded to postpone to our next meeting its farther consideration

Samuel Austin
clerk

Third Month 1858

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 24th 1858. The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and James [illegible]— from Providence, Joseph Cartland & Welcome Congdon, who are present.

Our Friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time the minute granted him in the 11th Month last with the information that he had attended to the service he then had in prospect to the peace of his mind. He also produced a copy of a minute from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting certifying that his company and labors had been acceptable to them - which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford has, since our last meeting, visited the families of Friends within our limits to our satisfaction; and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and of that made on her account at our last monthly meeting.

The case of George H. Hawes coming again under consideration, this meeting concludes to accept the following report of the committee and to grant his request to be continued in membership - the women's meeting concurring - and John Meader is appointed to give him this information.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
We the committee appointed to visit George H. Hawes on account of his deviation from the order of Friends in marrying one not a member of our religious society, report. We have attended to the appointment and believe it may be best to grant his request to be continued a member which we submit to the meeting

Joseph Metcalf

Cumberland 1st mo. 20th 1858 Gideon C. Smith "

Gilbert Congdon informs us that he has communicated to William B. Tobey the decision of the meeting in his case.

The following communication having been received through Providence Preparative Meeting we appoint Gilbert Congdon and John Meader to confer with Moses B. Jenkins on the account and to report at our next meeting.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends As it is not my expectation to attend the meetings of Friends, or to observe the regulations of their Discipline I hereby resign my right of membership in the Society With respect & regard I am your friend

Providence March 16th 1858. Moses B. Jenkins "

Fourth Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 28th 1858

The representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield, Daniel Meader and Samuel Haskell; from Providence, Joseph C. Peckham & Welcome Congdon; who are present.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxsie attended this meeting and presented a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich Ms., expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend David Kelley, an Elder, acceptably attended this meeting in company with Newell Hoxsie - with a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich Ms. certifying their unity with him in this engagement

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by Answers, a Summary of which we forward to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gideon C. Smith, William A. Robinson and Thomas Harkness, whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, a minister in unity, informed this meeting that for some months past he had felt a concern to visit a part of the meetings constituting New York Yearly Meeting, to attend at the opening of Western Yearly Meeting, to attend Indiana Yearly Meeting with a prospect, if way should open for it, of other religious engagements in the last two Yearly Meetings & of holding meetings on his way in passing through Ohio Yearly Mtg; the subject having claimed our deliberate consideration, his prospect was united with and he is left at liberty to pur- it as Truth may open the way

The Committee in the case of Moses B. Jenkins reported as follows. On consideration, we conclude to accept the report; and in accordance therewith - the women's meeting concurring - we discontinue him as a member of our Religious Society. Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed to inform him of this decision of the meeting.

"To the Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

We, the committee appointed to confer with Moses B. Jenkins in relation to his communication to the meeting—Report, that we have had an opportunity with him. He received us kindly and manifested his regard & interest for the Society, but appeared satisfied with his conclusion. We would propose that his request be acceded to, and that his connection, as a member, with the Society of Friends may cease

Providence 3rd mo. 27th 1858.

Gilbert Congdon
John Meader"

John Meader informs us that he has given George H. Hawes the necessary information in his case.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following paper; with the information that the young man, communicating it, peacefully departed this life on the 16th inst.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Having as I trust, through the Lord's mercy, become convinced of the principles professed by Friends—and believing that I have a testimony to bear to Christianity & the Truth; and being now brought upon a bed of sickness and expecting to continue in mutability but a short time; I have believed it right to request to become a member of the Society of Friends; and that it would conduce to the peace of my mind to make such request

Stanton Westcott Kenyon

Willimantic Conn
4th mo. 5th 1858."

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended on First day morning by Friends generally; those held in the afternoon of that day and on week days, more neglected. The hour observed; and Friends preserved from unbecoming behavior, except some instances of sleeping.

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Answers to the Queries

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

3d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness as required, also to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th. Careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except as medicine - the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation on the occasions named.

5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as are likely to require assistance are inquired into & their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business - none placed out from among Friends.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young & unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several particulars of this query.

8th Generally careful to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts. As far as circumstances permit, punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts. Careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Recording is attended to;- a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

10th. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, although not always so seasonably as would be best; and judgment is placed, when necessary, according to discipline

Samuel Austin
clerk

Fifth Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 5th mo. 26th 1858.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Job Mann & from Providence Joseph Cartland & James Reynolds who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

Our beloved Friend Mary B. Pinkham attended this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio endorsed by Salem Qr. Meeting expressing unity with her ministry and present engagement. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us; and the clerk is directed to sign, on behalf of this meeting a minute prepared in the womens meeting embracing the substance of this

Our beloved Friend Thomas Pinkham an elder accompanying his wife Mary B. Pinkham, with a copy of a minute expressing the unity of his friends with him in the engagement has acceptably attended this meeting. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

Gilbert Congdon for Samuel B. Tobey informed the meeting that the necessary information has been given to Moses B. Jenkins in this case.

We unite with the womens meeting in disowning Anna G. Peckham as a member of our religious Society

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Sixth Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 6th mo. 23d. 1858.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield. Daniel Meader & James Dennis Jr. from Providence. Saml Austin & Danl. Buffinton who are present.

We learn through Providence Preparative Meeting that Wm H. Perry requests a removal certificat for himself and family to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting. We appoint Wm. A. Robinson and Welcome Congdon to unite with such friends as the women's meeting may appoint in making the necessary inquiry in the case & if no obstruction appear to present an essay of a certificate at our next meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Betsey F. Lawton wife of Darius P. Lawton

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting in favor of Louisa N. Meader wife of Daniel Meader

Samuel Austin - Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 23d 1858.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Daniel Meader & James Dennis Jr., from Providence Saml. Austin & Daniel Buffinton, who are present. We learn through Providence Preparative Meeting that Wm. H. Perry requests a removal certificate for himself and family to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting. We appoint Wm. A. Robinson & Welcome Congdon to unite with such friends as the women's meeting may appoint in making the necessary inquiry in the case & if no obstruction appears to present a certificate at our next meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Betsey F. Lawton wife of Darius P. Lawton

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting in favor of Louisa N. Meader wife of Daniel Meader

Samuel Austin Clk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 28th 1858.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner F. Gaskell & James Dennis, from Providence Wm A. Robinson & Calvin Knowles, who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with the requisite answers from our Preparative Meetings from which the following have been adopted & directed to be forwarded for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon & Thos. Harkness whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend John Meader - a minister in unity - opened in this meeting a prospect which has for some time been before him of attend-
J. Meader ing in the love of the Gospel the ensuing Quarter-
visits ly meetings of Salem, Dover, Falmouth, Vassal-
5. Q. Mts boro & Fairfield & of appointing some meetings
& within their limits; - also if way opens for it, of attending the
Baltimore ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore & a few meetings in the course of the journey

His prospect is united with & he is left at liberty to pursue it as Best Wisdom may direct & the clerk is directed to furnish him with the necessary credentials embracing the substance of this minute & sign them on our behalf

Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith are appointed to confer with our friend John Meader on any matters relating to his proposed visit

A committee named at our last Monthly Meeting presented the following essay of a certificate in favor of Wm H. Perry &
W. H. Perry's family, - which the Clerk is directed to sign
Certificate on our behalf & forward to So. Kingstown Monthly Meeting viz:

"To South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends" Dear Friends

William H. Perry having removed

YEARLY MEETING, 6th month, 1858.

The Boarding School Committee presented the following Report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence, report—

That they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The two terms of the School have been held, under the superintendence of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, as Principals,—assisted during the summer term by John F. Rowell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Page, in mathematics; Daniel D. Patten and Albert Palmer, each a part of the term, in Classical studies; by Caroline H. Pinkham, in needle-work, Mary A. Potter, in drawing, and by Alphonse Renaud, in French. In the winter term, Daniel D. Patten was the Classical teacher for the term—the other teachers remaining as in the summer term, except that Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, took the places of Caroline H. Pinkham and Elizabeth Arnold. Lectures on some branches of Natural Science were delivered in the winter term, by Samuel Austin.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. The deportment of the scholars, has been generally satisfactory—as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of the School. The methods of teaching have kept pace with the improvements which experience has suggested, and a general disposition among the scholars has been apparent to avail themselves of the advantages thus afforded.

Harmony has prevailed in the family, and a disposition to labor unitedly for the good of the institution.

The meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been regularly held in the school house. They have been generally attended by members of the committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and have proved interesting seasons. At other times, the family attend meetings in Providence.

It has been the concern of the committee, that the minds of the children should be impressed with a sense of the vital importance of religion, of the necessity of an acquaintance with the truths recorded in Holy Scripture, and of a careful attention to the monitions of Truth in their own minds.

During the winter term, there were fifty-two cases of measles in the school. The disease was exhibited in a mild form, and all who were attacked, recovered. The circumstance of this sickness occasioned much additional care and responsibity to the Principals, and we think it due to them to say, that the duties, thus devolving upon them, were cheerfully and faithfully performed,—and it is cause of thankfulness, that among so many cases of disease, the lives of all were preserved.

There were admitted and came to the school, as scholars for the summer term, seventy-three males and sixty-six females; and for the winter term, ninety-one males, and seventy females, and nearly all of them attended through these terms respectively.

The arrangement with the Principals for the management of the affairs of the school, has been continued upon the same terms as last year. Some expense has been incurred in repairs and alterations necessarily made upon the school premises, during the year, the amount of which appears inthe statement of expenditures.

The result of the annual examination of the accounts of the Institution, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In treasurer's hands last year	$95 00
Receipts	310 00
Due the treasurer from this fund, at this time .	75 00
	$480 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each	$480 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the income of the School Fund .	$6,122 14
Payments (exclusive of those to be made by the Principal.)	
Fire insurance	$165 00
Repairs on the school premises . . .	1,125 48
To Joseph Cartland, on contract . . .	3,000 00
	$4,290 48
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	$1,831 66

Of which excess $214 31 is in the hands of the treasurer, and the balance has been applied to payments on account of the interest and principal of the debt of the Institution;—leaving the present amount of indebtedness, less the amount in treasurer's hands, and exclusive of accrued interest $2,285 69

We propose that the summer and winter terms of the school should commence and continue as last year—and that the charge for board and tuition remain without change, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., we append to this report, with the view of their being again sent to the subordinate meetings, for the information of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."
Providence, fifth month, 7th, 1858.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their Meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address, JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

with his family to reside within your
limits & requested our certificate, the necessary inquiry has been made; and nothing appearing to prevent we recommend him, his wife Sarah A. & their minor children George E. and William H., as members of our religious Society - to your Christian care & oversight and are your friends

Signed by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th mo. 28th 1858.

We have received "Extracts from the minutes" of our Yearly Meeting embracing the Annual Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School. The Report has been read at this time & is interesting to us

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended - on First day mornings by Friends generally - afternoons of that day and on other days they are more neglected. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of Sleeping

2d. Love and unity are maintained with little exception and detraction mostly guarded against.
Endeavors are used to end differences

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after; and judgements - when necessary - placed according to Discipline

Samuel Austin Clk.

Eighth Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 25th 1858.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, James Dennis & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence, Thomas C. Steere & Calvin Knowles not present, for the absence of one of whom indisposition is assigned as the cause.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received, through Providence Preparative Meeting, the following communication.

"To the Preparative Meeting

A. Rathbone We have to inform the meeting that Albert Rathbone son of Edward has for some length of time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, & that his conduct in some respects has not been in accordance with our religious profession

William A. Robinson } Overseers"
Providence 8th mo. 19. 1858. Samuel Austin }

We appoint Samuel Austin & Gideon C. Smith to give the attention needful in the case & report at our next meeting.

We have received through the Overseers of Providence Preparative meeting, the following communication. We appoint Gilbert Congdon & Joseph Cartland to give the necessary attention to the case & report at our next meeting. viz.

"Providence Aug. 24th. 1858.

N. H. Stevens son of B. Admin To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

I wish to be released from the religious Society of Friends

Yours &c.

N. Henry Stevens"

Our Preparative meetings are requested to nominate Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society & of the Poor, Care takers of Meeting houses & Funerals & Burying Grounds, & Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder; & Welcome Congdon, Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith are appointed to propose the names of Friends for Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors. They are also requested to examine the Treasurer's account & report the state of it to our next meeting — The London General Epistle for 1857 has been read at this time & is acceptable to us. We have received through the Quarterly Meeting 120 copies of the same for the use of our members

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Ninth Month 1858.,

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 29th. 1858—

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & Job Mann; from Providence, Samuel Boyd Tobey & Francis H. Perry; who are present.

A committee appointed at our last Monthly Meeting, made report as follows; which is accepted; and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated as follows for the ensuing year or until another appointment viz.

"The Committee appointed at our last monthly meeting, propose the following friends to serve the meeting the ensuing year

Samuel Austin — clerk
Benjm F. Knowles - asst. "
Wm A. Robinson - treasurer
Samuel Austin - recorder
Gideon C. Smith }
Jos. C. Peckham } auditors

They have also examined the treasurer's general account with the Monthly Meeting & find a balance due him of $170.20; due him from the charitable fund $8.42 There is a balance in his hands of the burying-ground fund of $148.54; due him in the balance of all accounts $30.08 . For the Committee

Providence 9th mo. 29th 1858 Welcome Congdon "

The committee to visit Albert Rathbone reported that they had given some attention to the case; they are continued to report at our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Nathaniel Henry Stevens reported as follows

"To the Monthly Meeting

Agreeably to our appointments we have had an interview with Nathaniel Henry Stevens relative to his application to be released from membership in our religious society; and seeing no prospect of usefulness by further attention to the case, we are united in recommending that his request be granted.

Providence 9mo. 27th 1858. Gilbert Congdon
Joseph Cartland "

On consideration the meeting concludes to grant his request to be released from membership with us - the women's meeting concurring -; & Samuel Austin is appointed to give him this information.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication.

"To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends"
Benjamin Knowles has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society
Providence 9th mo. 22d 1858 Wm A. Robinson } Overseers"
Saml. Austin }

We appoint Joseph Metcalf & James Dennis to visit Benjamin Knowles on the account & to report at our next meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in granting the request of Ruth Anna Haskell to be released from membership with us.

Samuel Austin -; clerk

Tenth Month 1858.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 27th 1858.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Job Mann & Turner Haskell; from Providence Joseph H. Atwater & Joseph C. Peckham who are present except one

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from our Preparative Meetings to the 1st. 2d. & 10th a summary of which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting in our Friends William A. Robinson, James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our Representatives.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the Friends named as follows for the several services designated viz.

Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell James Dennis	Overseers of Society
Turner Haskell Gideon C. Smith	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb A. Paine	Caretakers of Meeting House, Funerals & Burial Ground at Smithfield

Joseph Metcalf & Turner Haskell	For same services at Cumberland.

Daniel Meader — Reporter of Births & Deaths to the Recorder; and Providence Preparative Meeting the following viz.

William A. Robinson & Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon & Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
Thomas Harkness Welcome Congdon William A. Robinson Welcome A. Greene Joseph C. Peckham Jonathan S. Slocum	Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate
Thomas E. Steere George L. Collins	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

which this meeting approving, the Friends named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment

The Committee to visit Albert Rathbone reported farther attention to the case; they are continued to report at our next meeting

Samuel Austin reports that he has informed Nathaniel Henry Stevens of the decision of this meeting in his case

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Robert Steere requests a removal certificate for himself & family to Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa. We appoint Gideon C. Smith & Joseph C. Peckham to unite with a committee of the women's meeting in making the necessary inquiry, & if no obstruction appear to present one at our next meeting.

We unite with the women's meeting in the disownment of Mary Emily Knowles as a member of our religious Society.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time a minute granted him in the 7th Mo. to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Baltimore & to visit and appoint a few meetings in the course of his journey; informing us that he had attended to the service he then had in view to the relief & comfort of his mind. He also presented copies of minutes from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting & Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends expressing that his company & religious services had been acceptable to them; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Answers to the Queries 10th mo. 1858.

1st. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended - those held on the afternoon of First day and in the middle of the week are too much neglected by man
The hour observed - Of unbecoming behavior, clear as far as appears, except some instances of sleeping

2d. Love and unity are maintained amongst us with little exception, and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to Discipline.

Samuel Austin - clerk -

Eleventh Month 1858

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 24th 1858

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, James Dennis & Turner Haskell; from Providence, Welcome Congdon and Thomas Harkness, who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee in the case of Albert Rathbone reported as follows

"To the Monthly Meeting.
Under appointment, we have had an interview with Albert Rathbone, son of Edward.

We find no encouragement for recommending his continuance as a member of Society, nor any prospect that further labor from a committee in the case will be useful - which we submit to the meeting

Gideon C. Smith
Providence 11mo. 23d 1858. Saml Austin } Com."

The report is accepted, & with the concurrence of the women's meeting we disown him as a member of our religious Society; & Samuel Austin is appointed to give him this information

The Committee for that purpose reported the following
essay of a certificate in favor of Robert Steere & family
viz "To Bloomington Monthly Meeting
of Friends Iowa"

Dear Friends

Robert Steere with his
wife Abby W. Steere and their minor children Robert
Wilbur & Mary Elizabeth having removed to reside
within your limits, requests our certificate. This ma
certify that they are members of our religious society, of
orderly lives, frequent in the attendance of meetings while
with us, & on inquiry their outward affairs are satisfa
torily arranged as far as appears

We recommend them to your Christian care, and
are your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of Providence Monthly
Meeting of Friends held at Providence Rhode Island
11th mo 24th 1858"

which is adopted with the concurrence of the women's
meeting & the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf
& forward it accordingly.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the
minute granted him in the 7th mo. last for attendin
to some religious service in several Quarters of this Yea
ly Meeting, with the information that he had been enabled
to discharge the service he then had in view to the relief &
comfort of his mind. He also presented minutes from Sa
lem, Dover, Fairfield & Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings e,
pressing that his company & religious labors had
been acceptable to them - which is satisfactory
to us

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we ha
accepted the following removal certificate in favor of
William F. Meader

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends State of
Rhode Island"

Dear Friends

William F. Meader a minor
and member of this meeting, about to remove to re
side within the limits of your meeting - request has
been made for our certificate of his right of membership;
This is therefore to certify that on due inquiry respecting
his conduct & the proper adjustment of his outward

affairs, no obstruction appears to the issuing a certificate in his behalf

We therefore recommend him to you & remain in love your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Bloomington Mo. Meeting of Friends State of Iowa 4th of 9mo. 1858

Brinton Darlington
Correspondent

Enoch Hoag clerk
Louisa M. Thompson clerk "

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Twelfth Month 1858

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo. 29th 1858

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence George L. Collins and Joseph C. Peckham: who are present

Saml Austin reported that he has forwarded the necessary information in the case of Albert Rathbone

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving into membership Elcy M. Chace, wife of Collins Chace

Samuel Austin, Clerk

First Month 1859.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 26th 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine & James Dennis from Providence Joseph Cartland & Wellcome A. Greene who are present

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Wm A. Robinson Samuel Boyd Tobey & James Dennis whom we appoint our Representatives

Our committee appointed in the 9th mo. last in the case of J. Dennis, is discharged on its not appearing that he has ever presented a certificate of removal to this Monthly Meeting.

We appoint Thos. E. Steere, Welcome Congdon and Joseph H. Atwater to make the needful provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting & they are requested to report the expense to our next meeting

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal certificate to Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, in favor of Mary Fidlery

Samuel Austin Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings have been attended – on First day morning by Friends generally – Others more neglected. The hour observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent

2d Love & unity generally maintained; & detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors are used to end differences when they appear

10th Care taken to deal with offenders, we trust, in manner queried after, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to Discipline

Second Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 23d 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Daniel Meader & Caleb C. Paine from Providence Thomas Harkness & Welcome Congdon – who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relating to stock. It is concluded to raise for the use of this & the Quarterly Meeting Three hundred dollars; & our Preparative Meetings are requested to collect & pay the said amount to the Treasurer of this meeting.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 3d 1859

It was concluded to raise Four hundred & fifty dollars for this meetings use; and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward the amount to Prince Congdon our Treasurer in their usual proportion. This quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Two hundred & sixteen dollars (48 per cent).

Taken from the minutes

Gilbert Congdon - Clerk"

The Committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report that the expense incurred by them is Eighteen & 63/100 dollars The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting a communication from the Overseers which is referred to our next meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Third Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Month 30th 1859.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Caleb M. Paine from Providence Joseph H. Atwater & George S. Collins all are present except one - who was necessarily absent.

The following communication having been received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting, we appoint Joseph Metcalf & Gilbert Congdon a committee to give attention to the case & report at our next meeting

"To the Preparative Meeting

Wm Francis Mitchell has so far deviated from the rules of our Discipline as to contribute to the support of a hireling ministry, and has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us, which information we submit to the Meeting

James Dennis
Turner Haskell } Overseers"

Thomas Chase having requested a removal certificate in favor of his two sons Elijah C. & Edward Chase to Spring Creek Mo. Meeting Iowa, we appoint Saml. Austin & Wm A. Robinson to make the necessary inquiry & if no obstruction appears to present one at our next meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 27th 1859.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Samuel Austin & Welcome A. Greene who are present. The Queries have been read at this time and the following answers adopted, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson, Turner Haskell & Thomas Harkness, whom we appoint our representatives.

Smithfield Preparative meeting reports that they have forwarded ($130) One hundred & thirty Dollars towards the amount called for by this meeting

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the amount called for in the 2d mo. last.

The Committee in the case of Wm Francis Mitchell, not being ready to report in full, are continued to report at a future meeting

The Clerk is directed to sign a removal certificate to Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa, in favor of Elijah C. & Edward Chase (sons of Thomas Chase), as follows

With the concurrence of the women's meeting, we have accepted a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Benjamin C. Earle, as follows

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Benjamin Chase Earle having sometime past removed within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate, this may therefore certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious society & while with us orderly in life & conversation, and his outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction, as such we recommend him to your christian care

Signed by direction of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 4th mo. 4th 1859

Solomon R. Knowles } Clerks
Bethiah D. Parker }

Saml Boyd Tober, - Correspondent "

"To Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Dear Friends

Application having been made for a removal certificate on behalf of Elijah C. and Edward Chase (the latter a minor) sons of Thomas Chase - who have removed to reside within your limits - this may certify that inquiry having been made, and nothing appearing to prevent it - we recommend them as members of our religious society to your christian care and oversight, and are your friends

Signed in & by direction of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 27th 1859

(Signed) S. Boyd Tobey
Correspondent

Samuel Austin Clerk
Mary A. Smith Clerk for the day"

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended; those on First day mornings by Friends generally - those in the afternoon and in the middle of the week more neglected. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except instances of sleeping

2d. Love and unity generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared

3d Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their care in plainness - to restrain from reading pernicious books & corrupt conversation - generally pretty good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except as medicine, & generally to avoid the improper frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, & to keep in true moderation in account of births, marriages, burials & other occasions

5th. Circumstances of the poor inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of learning; none placed out from among Friends.

6th Parents and heads of Families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline

7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained with respect to the several parts of this query.

8th Generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Careful as to records. A few removals without certificates, Some care taken.

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders conformably to the query, and to place judgment, when necessary, according to Discipline

Fifth Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo. 25th 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine & Job Mann, from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Joseph Cartland; who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

We have received from our friend James Dennis, Executor, the following copy of an item of the last will & testament of our late beloved friend Deborah H. Jenckes, viz

"Item 9th, I give and bequeath to the overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in trust to be by them invested and the income thereof to be applied to the promotion of the cause of Truth & particularly in defraying the traveling expenses of indigent Friends more especially female Friends who travel for the cause of Truth no matter from whence they come or whither they are going provided they are in unity with Friends & thus would I impart to them the widow's mite". – Copied from the will of the late Debor H. Jenckes. North Providence 5th Mo. 24th 1859 by James Dennis Exr., This bequest is gratefully accepted by Friends as an evidence of the interest of the donor in the cause of Truth. And the Overseers are requested to make such investment of the amount as they may deem advisable & report to this meeting

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of John S. Peaslee

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends"

Dear Friends

John S. Peaslee having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting & requested our certificate, this may certify that he is a member of this meeting & was frequent in the attendance of our meetings when with us. His temporal affairs are settled satisfactorily as far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care & attention & remain your friends. Signed in and on behalf of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 21st 1859

Daniel Taber
Correspondent

Joseph H. Cole
Rachel B. Nichols } Clerks"

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Sixth Month 1859.

At Providence Monthly of Friends held 6th mo. 29th 1859 —

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Joseph H. Atwater and Daniel Buffinton, who are present.

We have received, through Providence Preparative Meeting, the following communication. We appoint Gilbert Congdon & Saml. Austin to give the necessary attention to the case & report to our next meeting

To Providence Preparative Meeting

Francis H. Perry has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our Society

Providence 6 mo. 23d/59

Wm A. Robinson
Samuel Austin } overseers

We have received 125 copies of the "printed" Extracts from the Minutes" of our late Y. Meeting for distribution among our members; also the Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee which has been read & in accordance with the suggestion of the Yearly Meeting we have appointed a committee — consisting of Turner Haskell & Samuel Austin to whom application may be made by those desirous of placing children at the Boarding School.

Samuel Austin – Clerk

Seventh Month 1859.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 27th 1859.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf, & James Dennis, from Providence Joseph Cartland & Joseph C Peckham, who are present.

The Clerk being absent Gideon C Smith is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from which the following have been adopted as descriptive of our State, which we foward to the next Quarterly meeting by our friends James Dennis, Thomas Harkness, & Joseph C Peckham whom we appoint representatives.

The Committee in the case of Francis H Perry inform they have given attention to their appointment but are not ready to report at this time, they are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

The following communication has been received through Smithfield Preparative meeting whereupon we appoint Joseph Cartland, Turner Haskell and Gideon C Smith to give the necessary attention to the case and report to our next meeting.

To Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Stephen Farnum has so far deviated from the order of Society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and indulge in the frequent use of spirituous liquor, for which he has been labored with.

without the desired effect, we therefore bring his case to the meeting for disposal.

Cumberland R.I. 7th mo 20th 1859.
Joseph Metcalf
Turner Haskell
James Dennis } Overseers.

In accordance with a proposition from the Select Preparative meeting, we have, with the unity of the women's meeting united in the appointment of Joseph Cartland to the station of an Elder; which w
forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting for its disposal.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a minister in unity with us, spread before this meeting a concern which had rested on her mind for a length of time and latterly with increasing weight, of appointing in the love of the Gospel, a few meetings in the factory villages in this vicinity, particularly in Coventry, and if way should open for it of holding one or more meetings in Willimantic and Hartford; which claimed the solid consideration of this meeting and was fully united with in this and the women's meeting, and she is left at liberty to pursue the prospect as Truth may open the way, and Gideon C Smith, Joseph Metcalf and Samuel B Tober are appointed a committee with whom she may consult in regard to the subject.

We have received at this time the following report of the Committee on the Burial Ground appointed in 1854, which is satisfactory and is adopted; and the Treasurer of this meeting is desired to invest $1,000 as proposed, and report to this meeting when so invested.

To Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on the Burial Ground in Providence Report — Agreeably to the minute of their appointment in the 5th mo 1854 they have purchased of the City of Providence, a lot for a Burial Ground in the enclosure of the North Burial Grounds, containing a little more than one acre, put it in good order, placed the Receiving Tomb on the same, and surrounded the lot with an ever green hedge, carefully removed all the remains interred in the lot heretofore used for a burial ground, and placed them in the lot purchased, and delivered a record of the same to the Recorder - The whole expense including interest on the money hired for that purpose amounts to $ 4.752.55 - and they have sold the lot removed from, for $ 10,000 on which there has been received for interest $ 1047.09 leaving a balance of $ 6294,, 54. Five thousand dollars of which is unpaid secured by mortgage on the lot sold, and $ 1294,, 54 in the hands of the Treasurer of the meeting The lot is as large as the one disposed of, and in nice order - and to secure the best interest of the meeting very desirable it should be kept so, which will require good care and the outlay of money annually, being within the enclosure where lotholders and the City are constantly doing much to improve and keep in good order the entire grounds,

The Committee would recommend that one thousand dollars of the balance saved in making the change be set apart the income of which to be used for keeping the lot in good order.

Providence 7th mo 25th 1859.

Thomas Harkness
Welcome Congdon
Wm A Robinson
Samuel Boyd Tobey — Committee.
Joseph C Peckham
Welcome A Greene.

Answers to the Queries.

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except one midweek meeting which was omitted on account of friends being absent to attend the Yearly Meeting; those held on the first day of the week by friends generally, midweek meetings and meetings for discipline are more neglected. The hour is observed, no unbecoming behaviour apparent a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and detraction generally guarded against, endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders, in good degree s queried, & to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

Eighth Month 1859.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th month 24th 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Thomas Harkness & Welcome Congdon, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. We have received through them a sufficient number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1858 for distribution among our members

This interesting document has been read in our meetings - we trust to our edification.

The Committee in the case of Francis H. Perry presented the following report, which is accepted - the women's meeting concurring - & we accordingly restore him to the privileges of membership. Thomas Harkness is appointed to give him this information.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to visit Francis H. Perry on account of his connecting himself in marriage with one not in membership with us, report that we have had an interview with him and find him desirous to be retained as a member in our religious society & disposed to support its discipline.

It is therefore our judgement that it will be best to restore him to the privileges of membership

Providence 8th mo. 23d 1859

Gilbert Congdon
Samuel Austin } Committee

The Committee in the case of Stephen Farnum informed that they had not been unmindful of the subject referred to them; but not being ready to report further at present, they are continued to report at our next meeting

Samuel Austin
Clerk

Ninth Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Month 28th 1859.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Thomas Chase, who are present

Thomas Harkness reported that he had informed Francis H. Perry of the decision of the meeting in his case.

The committee in the case of Stephen Farnum report some attention to the subject, they are continued in care of the case to report at our next meeting.

A certificate addressed to this meeting was presented from Creek Monthly Meeting Dutchess Co. N.Y. in favor of Anna D. & Francis R., minor children of Susan Rathbone; which having been referred to a committee they presented the following report, with which this meeting unites - the women's meeting also concurring. - the clerk is directed to return the certificate with a copy of this minute to the clerk of Creek Monthly Meeting.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the certificate of Anna D. Rathbone and Francis Rowland Rathbone (minors) have made inquiries & cannot learn that they have any residence here except at the Yearly Meeting Boarding School. It is our judgement that scholars at that school ought not to be received as members of this Monthly Meeting except they have a permanent home here or their parents or guardians are located within the limits of the Monthly Meeting.

Which we submit to the meeting

Providence 9th Mo. 27th 1859

Gideon C. Smith
Gilbert Congdon
Comt."

We appoint Thomas Harkness, Saml. B. Tob & Sumner Haskell to propose the names of Friends t serve this meeting as Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasure Auditors & Recorder; & to examine and settle the

Treasurer's accounts & to report at our next meetin

And our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate Friends to serve as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of meeting-houses, funerals & burial grounds & Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder

The following communication was received through Providence Preparative Meeting. We appoint Gilbert Congdon & Caleb M. Paine to unite with a committee of the women's meeting in giving the necessary attention to the case & to report at our next meeting. [See below a]

Our friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 4th mo. of last year with the acknowledgmen that through mercy he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then had in prospe to his relief and peace. He also presented copies of minutes from Indiana & Western Yearly Meetings; Ferrisburgh, Scipio, Farmington, Salem & Red Cedar Quarterly Meetings; and Fairfield, Upper Springfield, New Garden, Salem & Bloomington Monthly Meetings which are satisfactory to us.

[a] "To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends, I have for some time believed it right for me to request the care of Friends for my two minor children Elcy Ann and Francis Collins Chace. They manifest a wish to become members of the Society Elcy M. Chace

North Providence 9mo 22d 1859" Saml Austin, Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. 26th 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis & (who are present) from Prov. W. A. Robinson & Thos. Harkne

The committee appointed last month for the purpose made report as follows; which on consideration is adopted & the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

"To Providence Monthly Meet.

Agreeable to appointment we have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts & find a balance in his hands of One Hundred & Ninety four dollars & 90 cents on the current expense account, the interest on the unpaid Five thousand Dollars on the sale of the old burial ground lot and on the Rachel Shayer donation of Three Hundred & thirty three Dollars & 33 cents being credited in said account. We also find a balance in his hands of Eighty Seven Dollars & 58 cents on the Charitable School fund account being two Shares in the Providence Bank par value Eight Hundred Dollars. Nothing has yet been received or paid on the Deborah Jenckes donation account of Eight Hundred Dollars nor on the Burial fund account of One thousand Dollars.

We propose the following named Friends for the services designated

Samuel Austin, clerk
Benj'm. F. Knowles, Assistant do.
William A. Robinson, treasurer
Samuel Austin, recorder
Gideon C. Smith } auditors
Joseph C. Peckham }

Providence 10mo. 17th 1859
For the Committee
Thomas Harkness"

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th, which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends William A. Robinson Thomas F. Cairnes & John Meader whom we have appointed our Representatives

The Committee in the case of Stephen Farnum report that they have given farther attention to the subject under their care; they are continued and desired to report at our next meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving Celinda Metcalf as a member of our religious Society

The committee to visit Elcey Chace on account of her request last month made the following report; which is accepted; and, the women's meeting concurring, the two children named in the request are received as members of our religious Society. & Carr M. Paine is appointed to give the necessary information. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Sign'd Prov. 11 mo. 2d 57
Gilbert Congdon
Caleb M. Paine
Elizabeth Meader
Mary A. Smith

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Eloy M. Chace upon her request for her two minor children Eloy Ann Chase & Francis O. Chase & had a satisfactory interview with the family. Her husband entirely approves of her proceeding in reference to the children & they appear disposed to bring them up as Friends. The children also wish to be received as members & in our opinion it will be best to grant her request.

The subject of holding a meeting for Divine worship at our meeting house at Scituate having been introduced to our consideration last month, & revived at this time we have concluded in unity with our women friends that such a meeting be held under the care of a joint committee on the last First day of each month (commencing in the 11th month next at 11 A.M.; and we appoint John Meader, Thomas Harkness, Samuel B. Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Moses H. Beed William A. Robinson, James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith Joseph Cartland, Joseph Metcalf, Caleb M. Paine Turner Haskell, Welcome Congdon, Joseph C. Peckham & Samuel Austin to extend the necessary care in the case—arranging that some of their number attend each month—and to report in one year from the present time, or sooner if they deem it best; and the committee having the care of meeting houses are requested to see that the premises are in suitable condition for the accommodation of the meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended;—those on the morning of First day by our members generally. In the afternoon of that day & on other days they are more neglected. The hour observed & Friends preserved from unbecoming behavior except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity are maintained with little exception and detraction generally guarded against. When differences have appeared, endeavors have been used to end them

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline.

Eleventh Month 1859.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 23d 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Samuel Austin & Calvin Knowles; who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to Stock. Our treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's treasurer ($168) One Hundred & Sixty Eight dollars as called for in said minute; and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise One Hundred & twenty five dollars for this meetings use and pay it to our Treasurer (page 354.)

The Committee in the case of Stephen Farnum reported farther attention to the Subject. They are continued to report at a future meeting

We unite with the women's meeting in retaining Emma Smith as a member of Society.

Caleb M. Paine reports that he has given information of the action of this meeting on the request of Elcy M. Chace

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the Friends named as follows for the several services designated viz.

Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Turner Haskell	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith Turner Haskell	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb M. Paine Job Mann	Care-takers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burial Ground at Smithfield
Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell	Same services at Cumberland
Daniel Meader	Reporter of Birth & deaths to Recorder

and Providence Preparative Meeting as follows

William A. Robinson Samuel Austin Joseph Cartland	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
Welcome Congdon Wm A. Robinson Joseph C. Peckham Joseph Cartland Joseph H. Alvaley	Care-takers of Meeting-houses Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate
Thomas C. Steere George L. Collins	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

which nominations (with the addition of the name of Thomas Harkness, as one of the Committee having charge of Meeting houses &c,) are confirmed & the Friends named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment

We appoint Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith to unite with a committee of the women's meeting in preparing (if no obstruction appears) a removal certificate to Weare Monthly Meeting in favor of Sarah Nichols & family

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 3d 1859.

It was concluded to raise Three Hundred Dollars; which our Monthly Meetings were requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is One hundred and Sixty eight dollars ($168.) 48 per cent

From the minutes of the meeting Gilbert Congdon, Clk."

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1859

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo. 28th 1859

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence Wm A. Robinson & Thos. Chase, who are presen

The committee appointed last month presented the following certificate which the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & forward

"To Weare Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Sarah Nichols and her children Samuel O., Moses O, and Sarah Alice Nichols having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting request our certificate. This may certify that they are members of our religious society of orderly lives and frequent in the attendance of meetings while with us, and nothing appears but their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. We recommend them to your Christian care, and are your friends"

Samuel Austin — Clerk

First Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 25th 1860

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf; from Providence, Welcome Congdon & Thomas Harkness — who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th. We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith & Joseph Metcalf, whom we appoint our Representatives

We appoint Thomas E. Steere & Welcome Congdon to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, & report at our next meeting

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended — those on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week not so fully as is desirable. The hour is observed. Clear of unbecoming behavior, so far as appears, except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity are maintained amongst us with little exception, and detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgement when necessary, according to discipline

Samuel Austin – Clerk

Second Month 1860

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d month 22d. 1860.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & James Dennis, from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported that they attended, except one who was necessarily absent, from illness.

The committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, made the following report which the clerk is directed to certify as accepted by this meeting, viz. The Committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, have attended to that service, & the expense is twenty dollars & four cents, For the committee
$20.04 2d mo. 22d 1860, Welcome Congdon

We have accepted, with the concurrence of the women's meeting the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Benjamin Knowles

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Benjamin Knowles having for a considerable time past resided within your limits, now requests our removal certificate. This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious society & while with us a frequent attender of meetings; and nothing appears but that his outward affairs are settled to satisfaction. As such we recommend him to your Christian care, and are your friends

Signed on behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at East Greenwich 1st Mo. 2d. 1860

Solomon R. Knowles }
Bethiah D. Parker } clerks

P.S. The Correspondent of this Meeting is deceased.

This meeting having directed its Treasurer to invest One thousand Dollars the interest thereof to be used in keeping in proper order the burying ground in this city belonging to the Society of Friends, the Committee having charge of burying grounds, meeting-houses &c are authorized to draw on him for said interest for the purpose above named

The Overseers of this meeting are authorized to draw on our Treasurer for the interest accruing on the Deborah H. Jenckes Fund (eight hundred dollars) to be expended in accordance with the directions of the donor

Saml. Austin - Clerk

Third Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 3d mo. 28th 1860.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Welcome A. Greene & Thomas Chace who are present except one. We are informed by the Treasurer that the sum of Four Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars direct. to be raised by this meeting within the past year has been received by him

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Fourth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th month 25th 1860. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Moses H. Beede & Job Mann; from Providence Wm A. Robinson & Joseph H. Atwater ;- who are present. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Preparative meetings

A summary of these has been adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Thomas Harkness, Welcome Congdon James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf whom we appoint our Representatives

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended; those in the morning of First day by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour observed and no unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity are generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against;— endeavors have been used to end differences when they have appeared

3d A concern felt by Friends to bring up those under their care in plainness of Speech behavior & apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading & the corrupt conversation of the world and to set a good example herein themselves We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

4th. Careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except as medicine— the improper frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, and to keep in moderation & temperance on account of births marriages & on other occasions

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to & their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit them for business. Some placed out from among Friends

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

7th. We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several particulars of this query

8th. Generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within their means.

9th Care taken in these particulars

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline

Fifth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th month 30th, 1860.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith from Providence Wm. A. Robinson & Joseph C. Peckham, who are present except one

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We unite with the women's meeting in disowning Esther Graves as a member of our society.

We unite with the women's meeting in receiving a removal certificate in favor of Henrietta Louisa Jones, minor daughter of Charles and Mary C. Jones deceased

Samuel Austin; Clerk

Sixth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th, Month 27th 1860.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting, are from Smithfield James Davis & Daniel Meader, from Providence Joseph H. Atwater and George L. Collins; who are present

The Committee to visit Stephen Farnum made the following report, which is accepted; and we unite in disowning him as a member of our religious Society, the womens meeting concurring. Thomas Harkness is appointed to give him this information

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to visit Stephen Farnum on the complaint of the Overseers, report they have given attention to their appointment and had several interviews with him and it is our judgement that it is not consistent with our Discipline to continue him a member of our religious society; which we submit to the meeting

Providence 6th mo. 27th 1860

Turner Haskell)
Gideon C. Smith } Committee
Joseph Cartland)

We have received extracts from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting embracing the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School which have been read in this Meeting

We have also received 125 copies of further Extracts of the Yearly Meeting's Minutes in pamphlet form for distribution among our members

Permission is granted to Friends of Providence to hold their public meetings for worship on First day afternoon commencing at 4 o'clock for the 7th & 8th months of the present year, the women's meeting uniting herein

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Seventh Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month 25th 1860.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Joseph Metcalf; from Providence Joseph Cartland & Welcome Congdon; who are present except one, for whose absence an adequate reason is assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d, & 10th from the Preparative meetings. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gilbert Congdon Gideon C. Smith and Joseph H. Atwater, whom we appoint our Representatives.

Thomas Harkness reports that he has informed Stephen Farnum of the decision of this meeting in his case.

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, a minister in unity, informed this meeting that for some months past he had felt a concern to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting of Dover and to appoint some meetings within its limits

His prospect is united with by this meeting and he is left at liberty to pursue it as truth may direct. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

We appoint Thomas Hackness & Joseph Metcalf a committee with whom our friend Moses H. Beede may consult on any subjects connected with his proposed service.

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except one small meeting (omitted on account of Friends being absent to attend the Yearly Meeting). Those on First day morning by Friends generally, those on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week and for discipline are more neglected. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed a few instances of sleeping excepted

2d. We belive love and unity are generally maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary according to discipline

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eighth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th. Month 29th 1860

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield Job Mann & Turner Haskell; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Samuel Austin; who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. We have received through them One hundred & seventy eight (178) copies of the London General Epistle of 1859 for distribution among our members

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses, Funerals & Burial grounds & Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder; &

we appoint Thomas Harkness, Turner Haskell and Welcome Congdon to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors. They are also requested to examine the Treasurer's account & report the state of it.

The following communication having been presented to this meeting we appoint Samuel Austin & Gideon C. Smith to visit Thomas Randall on the account & report at our next meeting.

"The removal certificate forwarded to Providence Monthly Meeting, third month last, in favor of Thomas A. Randall was returned to the clerk of this meeting with the following information viz "At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 25th 1860. The Clerk is requested to return to the Clerk of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting the certificate addressed by that meeting to this in favor of Thomas A. Randall with the information that he has married out of the order of Society with one not in membership with Friends

To Edward Earle - Clerk of (Signed) Saml. Austin - Clerk"
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends

Whereupon it was deemed best to ask that meeting to deal with him on our behalf; and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Providence Monthly Meeting requesting them to take such action in the case as in their judgement it seems to require and report

Copied from the minutes of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 7th mo. 27th 1860

To Saml. Austin - Clerk of Edward Earle, Clerk
Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends"

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Ninth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 26th 1860.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Moses H. Beede from Providence William A. Robinson & Joseph H. Atwater, who are present

The Committee appointed at our last meeting, made the following report; which is accepted and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated

for the ensuing year or until another appointment
viz "To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed last month to propose the names for Clerks &c Report they have attended to the service and propose

Samuel Austin for Clerk
Thomas E. Steere " Assistant clerk
Wm A. Robinson Treasurer
Samuel Austin Recorder
Gideon C. Smith } Auditors
Joseph C. Peckham }

They have examined and settled the Treasurer's account, and find the following balances in his hands One hundred forty eight & 09/100 Dollars on the expense account – thirty nine & 58/100 Dollars on the Charitable School-fund account –, Twenty eight & 25/100 Dollars on the ~~Burial Ground fund account~~ income of the Deborah H. Jenks fund – and thirty nine & 83/100 Dollars on the Burial Ground fund account

Providence 9 mo. 15th 1864

Thomas Harkness
Welcome Congdon
Turner Haskell "

The Committee to visit Thomas Randall report some attention to the case; they are continued, to report at a future meeting.

Our friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time a minute granted him in the 7th month last, with the information that he had accomplished the service he then had in prospect to his satisfaction He also presented a copy of a minute from Dover Quarterly Meeting expressing that his company and religious services had been acceptable; all of which is satisfactory to us.

We unite with the women's meeting in retaining Mary E. Pratt as a member of our religious Society at her own request.

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Wm G. Wing requests a removal certificate for himself and his wife Hannah G. Wing to the New York Monthly Meeting of Friends. We appoint Thomas E. Steere & Wm A. Robinson to prepare one if way open for it, and present it at our next meeting

The Christian life and labors of our late beloved friend John Meader having been a little brought to our view on this occasion apprehending it may be proper at this time to name a few friends for the purpose, we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness, Moses H. Beede & William A. Robinson to take the subject into consideration & if way open for it present at a future meeting a testimony concerning him

Saml. Austin, - Clerk

Tenth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 24th 1860.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Caleb M. Paine; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham and Daniel Buffinton; who are present

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly meeting by our friends Wm. A. Robinson, Turner Haskell & Joseph C. Peckham whom we appoint our representatives. The Clerk is directed to sign the following minute & furnish a copy thereof to our friend Gilbert Congdon. viz

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon - a Minister of the Gospel - with whom we have good unity & fellowship has informed us that he felt drawn in the love of Christ to visit the Prisons, Reform Schools & Institutions for the Destitute in the cities of N. York, Philadelphia & Baltimore with a view to the discharge of such religious service towards their inmates as way may open for. This engagement of our dear friend received the careful consideration of this meeting & was fully united with under the belief that it is a service required of him by the Lord, - We affectionately commend him to the kind & Christian attention of all to whom these presents may come desiring that he may be favored to accomplish his whole duty to the peace of his own mind and to the acceptance & benefit of those whom he is concerned to visit

We appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey & Wm. A. Robinson a committee with whom our friend G. Congdon may confer in relation to any subjects connected with his proposed Service.

A committee, named at our last meeting presented the following essay of a certificate in favor of William G. Wing and family. It is approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward it to the New York Monthly Meeting of Friends. viz

"To N. York Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

William G. Wing having removed with his wife Hannah S. Wing to reside within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on their behalf that they are members of our Religious Society, and on inquiry nothing appearing to prevent we recommend them with their infant daughter Mary Elizabeth to your Christian care and oversight, and are your friends

Signed on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 24th 1860.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity, expressed in this meeting a concern which had for some time rested on her mind to visit some of the meetings constituting Sandwich, Salem & Dover Quarterly Meetings, and, if way should open for it, to appoint some meetings among those not in membership with Friends. The prospect is united with by this meeting and she is encouraged to pursue it as Truth may direct. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute similar to this.

We appoint Thomas Harkness & Welcome Congdon a committee with whom our friend Elizabeth Meader may consult on any subjects connected with her proposed service.

The committee appointed last year in relation to holding public meetings for worship at Scituate presented the following report which is satisfactory & encouraging to us; we conclude that such meetings continue to be held monthly as during the past year and we appoint the friends named as follows viz. Saml. Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Moses H. Beede, Wm A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Thos. Harkness, Thos. E. Steere, Saml. Austin, Caleb H. Paine, James Dennis, Jos. Cartland, Gideon C. Smith, Jos. C. Peckham, Turner Haskell, Welcome Congdon & Jos. H. Atwater to extend the necessary care in the case, to report in one year from the present time or earlier if they deem it best.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed to have the care of the meetings for worship directed to be held monthly at Scituate, report that they have given the necessary attention to the matter – that some of their number, and frequently other Friends, have been present at all the meetings – that they were well attended – often large – larger than we had reason to expect and have been very satisfactory to the Committee and we presume to all. In our judgement they have been useful in the neighborhood, and a continuance of them would be acceptable. We would therefore recommend that the present course should be pursued another year under the care (as now) of a Committee

Wm A. Robinson
Providence — Gideon C. Smith
10th month 1860. — Dorcas B. Robinson
Anna G. Dennis."

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity, expressed in this meeting a concern which had sometime rested on her mind to visit some of the meetings constituting Sandwich, Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings, and, if way should open for it, to appoint some meetings among those not in membership with Friends. The prospect is united with by this meeting and she is encouraged to pursue it as Truth may direct. The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute similar to this.

We appoint Thomas Harkness and Welcome Congdon a committee with whom our friend Elizabeth Meader may confer on any subjects connected with her proposed service.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the Friends named as follows for the several services designated viz.

Joseph Metcalf
James Dennis
Turner Haskell } Overseers of Society

Gideon C. Smith
Turner Haskell } Overseers of the Poor

James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb M. Paine Job Mann	Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burial Grounds at Smithfield
Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell	Same service at Cumberland
Daniel Meader,	Reporter of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

and Providence Preparative Meeting, the following, viz.

William A. Robinson Samuel Austin Joseph Cartland	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
Thomas Harknip Welcome Congdon William A. Robinson Joseph C. Peckham Joseph Cartland Joseph H. Atwater	Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate
George L. Collins Joseph H. Atwater	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

which nominations being approved by this meeting the Friends named above are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended _ First day mornings by Friends generally, others not so fully the hour nearly observed and, with the exception of some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us. Detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried after, and to place judgement, when found necessary, according to discipline

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th month 28th 1860

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis and Turner Haskell, from Providence Welcome Congdon and Daniel Buffinton, who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute relative to stock

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the amount called for by this minute - viz

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th month 1st 1860 It was concluded to raise two hundred and fifty dollars; and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward this amount to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is One hundred & twenty dollars ($120) - 48 per cent - From the Minutes of the Meeting

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk "

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Acoaxet Monthly Meeting of Friends in behalf of Grace Parker and her minor daughter Elizabeth Slater.

The following communication having been received, we appoint Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith and Samuel B. Toby to visit Benjamin Meader on the account & report at our next meeting. [See margin]

The London General Epistle for 1859 has been read at this time, and its contents are felt to be instructive & comforting

Samuel Austin - Clerk

"Providence 8th mo. 12th 1860.

Dear Friends, I have for some time past absented myself from the attendance of your religious meetings & attended regularly with another religious Society. I therefore apprehend it to be my duty to ask to be dismissed from membership with you

Benjamin Meader "

Twelfth Month 1860.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th Month 26th 1860.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Daniel Meader, from Providence Jonathan L. Slocum and Thomas Harkness, who are present

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Edward B. Perry; the women's meeting concurring

The Committee to visit Benjamin Meader presented the following report. We have accepted it with the unity of the women's meeting, and accordingly granted his request Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of the decision of the meeting in the case.

"To the Monthly Meeting

We the committee to whom the case of Benjamin Meader was referred, report, that we have given attention to the subject of our appointments, and are united in the conclusion that his request should be granted.

Joseph Cartland
Gideon C. Smith
Providence 12th mo. 26. 1860. Samuel Boyd Tobey"

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Edward B. Perry having some time past removed to live within your limits requests our certificate. These are to certify on his behalf, that he is a member of our Society and while with us a frequent attender of our meetings and on inquiry we find his temporal concerns are left to satisfaction. As such we recommend him to your Christian care and attention, and are your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton R.I. the 26th of 11th mo. 1860

Abel S. Collins }
Anna A. Gould } Clerks"

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Durham Monthly Meeting in favor of Clarissa Hussey

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise Three Hundred Dollars for the expenses of the monthly meeting and forward it to our Treasurer. Samuel Austin — Clerk

First Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st. Mo. 30th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis from Providence Robert Shove and Gilbert Congdon who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Welcome Congdon and Joseph Cartland whom we appoint our Representatives.

We appoint Thomas E. Steere, Joseph H. Atwater and Welcome Congdon to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, to report at our next meeting

Samuel Austin reports that he has informed Benjamin Meader of the conclusion of this meeting in his case

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede (a minister in unity) opened in this meeting a prospect which for some months had attended his mind to attend in the love of the Gospel the approaching Quarterly Meeting of Ferrisburg to visit the meetings and some of the families within its limits and appoint some meetings among those not in religious profession with us and to attend, in returning, some meetings within the limits of Dover and Salem Quarterly Meetings. On deliberation this meeting unites with him in his concern and encourages him to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way and the Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Our Treasurer has paid to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer, the amount called for in 11th mo. last.

The Committee in the case of Horace B. Knowles presented the following report, which is accepted and this meeting (the women's meeting concurring) accordingly grants his request; and Samuel Austin is requested to inform him of the decision of the meeting in his case

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The surviving members of the Committee appointed to visit Horace B. Knowles on account of his request to be released from membership in our religious Society; report that we believe the requisite attention has been given to this case, and it is our judgement - in which our dear deceased friend John Meader united - that it will be best to grant him his request

Joseph Metcalf
Providence 1st mo 26th 1861. Gilbert Congdon"

The Committee in the case of William Francis Mitchell made the following report, which is accepted "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee appointed in the 3d month of 1859. to give attention to the case of Wm. Francis Mitchell report; that we felt it would be best for us to delay any disciplinary action in regard to this dear young man until way should satisfactorily open for it. - While thus waiting it pleased our Heavenly Father to remove him by death. His quiet and peaceful close has been confirmatory to us in the course we have pursued, which we submit to the meeting

Joseph Metcalf } Com-
Providence 1st mo. 26, 1861 Gilbert Congdon } mittee

The Committee appointed to prepare, if way should open for it, a Testimonial concerning our late beloved friend John Meader, deceased, presented one which having been read and approved, the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to the Quarterly Meeting.

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended except one small meeting omitted on account of the absence of Friends to attend a funeral those on the mornings of First days by Friends generally; afternoon meetings on that day and midweek meetings with those for Discipline not so fully. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent, except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences, that have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to Discipline

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Second Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d Mo. 27th. 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Thomas Chase & Wm A. Robinson; who are present

The Representatives from the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

The Committee to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting made the following Report. The Clerk is directed to certify its acceptance, viz

"The Committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting have attended to that service & the expense amounts to ($\$20.\frac{65}{100}$) Twenty dols. & $^{65}/_{100}$"

For the Com. Welcome Congdon

Saml. Austin reports that he has given Horace B. Knowles the necessary information in his case.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting informs that its Representatives have been directed to pay our Treasurer One Hundred & Thirty five Dollars ($135.)

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Third Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Month 27th. 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis from Providence, Calvin Knowles and Welcome Congdon - who are present.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted in the 10 mo. last with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in view to the relief and peace of her mind. She also presented copies of minutes from Sandwich Qr. Meeting and Dover, Berwick & Sandwich (N.H.) Monthly Meeting expressing that her labors among them had been acceptable: which is satisfactory to us

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Fourth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Month 24th. 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Calvin M. Paine; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf Wm. A. Robinson and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint as Representatives

We are informed that James Robinson is desirous of a removal certificate to New Bedford Monthly Meeting; and Providence Preparative Meeting proposes that removal certificates be granted to the friends named as follows: Peter Healy & wife returned to Greenwich Mo. Mtg., Edwd Rathbun & family to Smithfield Mo. Mtg. and also to Wm. H. Meader returned to Bloomington Mo. Mtg. Iowa, and Edwin Slade & wife now living in Sheboygan Co. Wisconsin. We appoint Jonathan L. Slocum and Gideon C. Smith (uniting with a committee of the Women's meeting where there are families) to prepare certificates accordingly, if no obstruction appears, and present them at our next meeting

We unite with the Women's Meeting in receiving Eliza Brownell as a member of our religious Society

We have received a copy of a minute from Salem Mo. Meeting of 3d Mo. 6th expressing that the company and Gospel labors of our friend Elizabeth Meader had been satisfactory

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended - On first-day mornings by Friends generally. Others much neglected by some. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except a few instances of sleeping

2d. Love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences that have come to our knowledge

3d. A care is manifested by Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to prevent pernicious reading & corrupt conversation. Mostly careful herein themselves; & we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except as medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning to fit them for business. Some placed out.

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline

7th. We know of no violation of our testimony in relation to the subjects of this query.

8th. We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Careful as to records. Some removals without certificates, most of which are under care.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgements when necessary according to Discipline.

Samuel Austin — Clerk

Fifth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 29th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and James Dennis, from Providence Welcome Congdon & James Reynolds; who are present except one absent from illness.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee appointed last month to prepare and present removal certificates as way might open for it, inform that Edwin Slade is located quite remotely from any Friends meeting (at Glen-Beulah Sheboygan Co. Wisconsin) and in their view it would be best for him to continue to be regarded as a member of this meeting, with which we unite. They presented the following essays of certificates in favor of Peter Healey and wife, E. B. Rathbone and family Wm F. Meader and James Robinson, which being approved are directed to be duly signed and forwarded. viz

To Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Peter L. Healy and his wife Elizabeth R. having removed to reside within your limits, - this may certify that they are members of our religious Society and while with us were frequent attenders of meetings, we believe of orderly life, and nothing appears but that their outward affairs are satisfactorily settled Recommending them to your Christian care we are your friends

"To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

Edward B. Rathbun his wife Rebecca R. and their children Amanda Maria and Francis Howgill having removed to reside within your limits this may certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious society and as far as appears their outward affairs were satisfactorily settled We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends"

"To Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa
Dear Friends

"William F. Meader having removed and returned to reside within your limits - this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and as such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends"

"To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends".
Dear Friends

James Robinson having removed to reside within your limits requests our certificate.

This may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious society and was while with us a frequent attender of our meetings. His outward affairs are arranged to satisfaction. Recommending to your Christian care we are your friends"

We unite with the womens meeting in disowning Lydia B. Read as a member of our religious society

With a view to the general accommodation of Friends in Providence, it is concluded with the unity of the women's meeting that their first day afternoon meeting commence at 4 o'clock during the 6th 7th 8th and 9th months until otherwise ordered by this meeting.

For the convenience of Friends of Smithfield Preparative Meeting it is concluded - the womens meeting concurring - that the meetings for worship at Smithfield and Cumberland be discontinued on the week of holding the Yearly Meeting, and that whenever the Preparative meeting would occur on that week that it be held the preceding week

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Sixth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 26th. 1861

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Daniel Meader; from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Daniel Buffinton, - who are present.

Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him in the 10th month last, with the information that he had been enabled to accomplish the service then contemplated; and that in the retrospection of this engagement he was favored with the blessing of peace: which account is acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Linton attended this meeting & presented a certificate from Centre Monthly Meeting Clinton Co. Ohio, endorsed by Centre Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her ministry and present religious engagements. Her company and services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her a minute to this effect.

Our beloved friend Rhoda G. Hadley, an Elder, acceptably attended this meeting as companion to our friend Sarah Ann Linton; and presented a testimonial of the unity of her friends of Springfield Monthly Meeting held at Lyttles Creek, Ohio. The Clerk is directed to furnish her a copy of this minute

Samuel Austin - Clerk

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 24th. 1861.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis; from Providence Wm A. Robinson and Jonathan L. Slocum; - who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following Summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness & Wm A. Robinson whom we appoint our Representatives.

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Edward Harris Greene - the women's meeting concurring - viz

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends"

Dear Friends

Edward Harris Greene (a minor) having removed to reside within your limits we deem it proper to furnish a certificate on his behalf. We hereby certify that he is a member of our religious society, and, while with us, of orderly life. We commend him to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed in and on behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th. Mo. 1st. 1861. by

Solomon R. Knowles } Clerks
Bethiah D. Parker }

Perez Peck
Correspondent"

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader - a minister in unity - spread before this meeting a concern which for some time has rested upon her mind, to attend in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Western & Indiana, and should way open for it that of Baltimore and to appoint a few meetings within their limits. The concern of our dear friend was fully united with and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a certificate to this effect prepared in the women's meeting

The Report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School has been received and read. A minute of advice from our Yearly Meeting on the subjects of War & Slavery suggested by the present aspect of public affairs, and an affectionate special epistle from our brethren of London Yearly Meeting addressed to Friends in North America in view of our present situation with its somewhat peculiar responsibilities, have also been read in our meeting and are truly acceptable to us. In distributing these documents we would commend their contents to the careful consideration of Friends

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended; – on First day mornings by Friends generally. On the afternoon of that day and on week days they are more neglected. The hour is observed, except some instances of sleeping no unbecoming behavior apparent

2d We believe love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline

Eighth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 28th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Job Mann & Turner Haskell from Providence Welcome A. Greene & Danl. Buffinton; who are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. We have received through them one hundred (120) copies of the London General Epistle for 1860 for distribution among our members. This epistle has been read in our meeting and is acceptable to us.

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meetinghouses, Funerals & Burial Grounds, and Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder and we appoint Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith & Samuel Austin to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors. They are also requested to examine the Treasurer's account & report the state of it.

We unite with the women's meeting in releasing Sarah Hawes from membership with us.

We have ~~received~~ accepted a removal certificate from Windham Monthly Meeting in favor of John Hacker Hall and his wife Anna Fry Hall – the women's meeting concurring –

as follows "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R.I. John Hacker Hall and his wife Anna Fry Hall having removed within the limits of your meeting request our certificate; This may certify on their behalf that they are members of this meeting and usual attenders of the same while with us, of orderly deportment; and their pecuniary affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears

By direction of Windham Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Casco 6th mo. 28th 186

Nathan Pope }
Jane Pope } Clerks

Oliver Pope - Correspondent"

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Ninth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 25th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham and Thomas C. Steere; who are present

The committee appointed at our last meeting to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report which is accepted; and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated for the following year or until another appointment, viz

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

We have examined the Treasurer's account & find that there is due him on the Charitable School-Fund Sixteen & 42/100 Dollars ($16 42/100). There is in his hands Thirty & 5/100 Dollars ($30 5/100) interest on the Deborah Jenckes Fund; and $59 72/100 Dollars on the Burial Ground Fund. Also in the Treasurer's hands on the general account One Hundred thirty three & 70/100 Dollars ($133 70/100)."

We propose the friends named as follows to serve the meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment viz

Samuel Austin as Clerk
Thomas C. Steere " Assistant Clerk
Wm A. Robinson " Treasurer
Samuel Austin " Recorder
Gideon C. Smith }
Joseph C. Peckham } " Auditors

Gideon C. Smith
Providence 9 mo. 25th. 1861 (for the Committee)"

The following communication having been received through Providence Preparative Meeting we appoint James Dennis and Gideon C. Smith to give such attention to the case as may seem to be required & to report at our next meeting viz

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
It has become our duty to inform you that Waterman Chace is reported to have conducted himself in a manner calculated to bring reproach upon our religious Society

Wm A. Robinson
Providence 9th mo. 18th 1861 Joseph Cartland } Overseers
Samuel Austin

Our friend Moses H. Beede through a written communication returned at this time the minute granted him in the 1st Mo. of this year informing that though somewhat interrupted in the course of his labors by illness he had been favored to accomplish his visit and to return to his home and friends; and that the retrospect afforded him a feeling of satisfaction and comfort

He also presented copies of minutes of Ferrisburg Quarterly and Ferrisburg and Farnham Monthly Meetings certifying that his company and religious services had been satisfactory and encouraging to them; — all of which is acceptable to us.

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of Lois Anna Greene

Samuel Austin, Clk

Tenth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo. 30th 1861.

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & George L. Collins who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2d & 10th. from each of our Preparative meetings. The following summary has been adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Turner Haskell, Saml. Boyd Tobey & Wm H. Robinson whom we appoint our representatives

The committee in the case of Waterman Brace made the following report; on consideration of which, with the concurrence of the women's meeting we conclude to disown him as a member of our religious Society.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Your committee appointed last month on complaint of the Overseers concerning Waterman Brace report we have given attention to your appointment and we are convinced that there has been malfeasance in his business transactions and he being in parts unknown to us, it is our judgement that it is best to disown him as a member of our religious society which we submit to the meeting.

North Providence 10th mo. 21st 1861.

James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith } Committee"

We have received the following communication through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Rowland G. Bassett. We appoint Welcome Congdon & Joseph C. Peckham to give such attention to the case as may seem requisite & report at our next meeting viz.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Rowland G. Baſsett has for a considerable time

neglected the attendance of our religious meetings on which account he has been labored with

Providence
10th mo. 23/61

Wm. F. Robinson } Overseers
Jos. Cartland
Saml. Austin

The following communication having been receiv through Providence Preparative Meeting we appoint Saml. Austin & Thos. E. Steere to give attention to the case and report at our next meeting

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
George A. Chase has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society

Providence 10 mo. 23d/61

Wm. F. Robinson } Overseers
Jos. Cartland
Saml. Austin

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon a minister in unity informed this meeting that he believed it right to attend the Quarterly Meetings of Smithfield, Sandwich & Salem, and to visit the meetings constituting the same; and in prosecuting this engagement to attend to such other service within their limits as may devolve upon him in the discharge of his religious duty. This concern of our friend was fully united with & he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may direct; and the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

We appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey & Joseph Metcalf a committee with whom our friend Gilbert Congdon may consult on any subjects connected with his proposed visit.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned to this meeting the certificate granted her in the 7th mo. last with the information that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect, to the relief and peace of her mind. She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from Ohio, Indiana, Western & Baltimore Yearly Meetings

All of which is acceptable to us

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the friends named as follows for the several Services designated — viz.

The subject of the continuance of the meetings for worship at Scituate coming under consideration by reference on our minutes, several members of the committee gave an interesting report of its regular and satisfactory attendance and recommended its continuance under the care of a committee; which is satisfactory (see [illegible])

Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Turner Haskell	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith Turner Haskell	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb M. Paine	Caretakers of Meeting House Burial Ground & Funerals at Smithfield
Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell	" at Cumberland
Daniel Meader Turner Haskell	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

And Providence Preparative proposes the following

Wm. A. Robinson Joseph Cartland Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham	" the Poor
Thos. Harkness Welcome Congdon Wm. A. Robinson Jos. C. Peckham Jos. Cartland Jos. H. Atwater	Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate
Jos. H. Atwater Robt. Shove	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

which are severally united with *

Summary of Answers

1st. All our meetings have been attended - on First-days mornings by Friends generally; in the afternoon and on week days they are more neglected. The hour is observed and except some instances of sleeping no unbecoming behavior apparent

*, and the friends proposed are accordingly appointed to the services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

9th We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us and detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after & to place judgement, when necessary according to discipline

Samuel Austin — Clerk.

Eleventh Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11mo. 27th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & Job Mann; from Providence Thomas Harkness and Joseph Cartland who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

We have received from that meeting the following minute relative to stock. Our Treasurer is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the amount called for ($192). viz

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11mo. 7th. 1861.

It was concluded to raise Four hundred dollars which our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is One hundred and ninety two dollars ($192) - 48 per cent.

Taken from the minutes of the meeting
Gilbert Congdon - Clerk"

The Committee in the case of Rowland G. Bassett presented the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society - the women's meeting concurring; - and Samuel Austin is appointed to give him this information.

"To the Monthly Meeting
According to appointment we have visited Rowland G. Bassett on account of the complaint

to us; and this meeting concludes with the concurrence of the women's meeting to adopt their suggestion
And the same committee are continued to extend the necessary care in the case and report to this
meeting next year.

against him; he received us pleasantly but manifested a very decided unwillingness to acknowledge himself in the wrong;— and our judgement is that further labor in his case would not be desirable;— which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Welcome Congdon
Providence 11mo. 27th 1861. Joseph C. Peckham

The Committee appointed in the 8thmo. of last year to visit Thos. A. Randall at the request of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting reported as follows; with the information that action on their part had been somewhat delayed at the desire of the individual himself. The Report is accepted and the Clerk is directed to transmit a copy thereof with this minute to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Your Committee appointed in the 8th Mo. of last year to visit Thomas Randall at the request of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting on account of his marriage out of the order of society with one not in membership with us, have given such attention to the case as seemed requisite; and it is our judgment that he cannot, consistently with our discipline, be continued a member of our religious society;— which we submit to the meeting

Samuel Austin
Providence 11mo. 24th 1861. Gideon C. Smith

The Committee in the case of George A. Chase reported some attention to the subject of their appointment. They are continued, to report at our next meeting.

Samuel Austin — Clerk

Twelfth Month 1861.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th month 25th 1861.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine; from Providence George L. Collins and Joseph H. Atwater; who are present.

Samuel Austin reported that he had informed Rowland G. Bassett of the action of this meeting in his case

The Committee in the case of George A. Chase reported some attention to the subject of their appointment. They are continued to report at our next meeting

Robert Steere having informed us that owing to his unsettled state for some time after receiving a certificate granted by this meeting in the 11 mo. 1858 it was mislaid and did not reach the meeting to which it was addressed, the Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of the following and sign it on our behalf

"To Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends. Dear Friends

Robert Steere with his family having some time since removed from amongst us requests our certificate. This may certify on behalf of him and his wife Abby C. Steere that they are members of this meeting, of orderly lives and frequent in the attendance of meetings while with us and that on enquiry, their outward affairs are satisfactorily arranged so far as appears. We commend them and their minor children Robert Wilbur, Mary Elizabeth and Gilbert D. Steere to your Christian care & oversight, and are your friends"

Samuel Austin - Clerk

First Month 1862

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 29. 1862.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & James Dennis from Providence Wm A. Robinson and Thomas E. Steere, who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings; a summary of which we have adopted & directed to be forwarded to the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey & William Congdon whom we appoint &

our Representatives. We appoint Benjamin Buffum, Jos. W. Atwater, Thomas E. Steere & Welcome Congdon to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, to report at our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of George A. Chase inform that they have given farther attention to the case. They are continued, to report at our next meeting.

The Select Preparative Meeting having suggested the propriety of some addition to that meeting by the appointment of a friend or friends to the station of elder, we appoint Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, Wm. A. Robinson, Thos. Harkness, Joseph Cartland and Turner Haskell to unite with such as the women's meeting may name in considering the subject; & if way opens for it, to propose the name of a friend or friends for that station, at our next Monthly Meeting.

Samuel Austin – Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended; on First-day mornings by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and on week days they are more neglected. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained & detraction mostly guarded against.
No differences that have come to our knowledge

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree in spirit queried after, & to place judgement, when necessary, according to discipline

Second Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 26th. 1862.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham and Edward Sutton who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting made the following report which is accepted; and the clerk is directed to certify the same - viz

"To the Monthly Meeting

Your Committee appointed to make provision for the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended to their appointment and incurred an expense of twenty three & 53/100 dollars

$ 23 53/100 - On behalf of the Committee

Benjamin Buffum"

The committee to visit George A. Chase reported farther attention to the subject. They are continued in care of the case, to report at a future meeting.

The following information having been received from the overseers, we appoint Joseph Cartland & Gideon C. Smith to visit Richard Farnum on the account and report at our next meeting "To Smithfield Preparative Meeting.

Richard Farnum has so far disregarded the rules of our Discipline as to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings for a long time & pursued a course in other respects not reputable to society; on which account he has been repeatedly conferred with by the Overseers, without producing any apparent change

Smithfield 2d mo. 19th 1862

Joseph Metcalf
Turner Haskell
James Dennis
} Overseers"

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Deborah Bartlett.

The Committee appointed at our last Monthly meeting to consider the subject of additions to the Select meeting; report that having conferred on the account, & may not opening to present the names of Friends, they are united in recommending that the subject be referred to the select preparative meeting for its consideration and disposal; which report is accepted and the subject referred accordingly

Samuel Austin – clerk

Third Month 1862

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 26th 1862

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Joseph H. Atwater – who are present

The Committee to visit George A. Chase presented the following report with the accompanying communication from him. On consideration, the suggestion of the committee is adopted; and he is accordingly retained a member – the women's meeting concurring – & Thomas E. Steere is appointed to inform him of this decision of the meeting. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The Committee to visit George A. Chase on account of his marriage out of the order of our Society with one not a member have had several interviews with him. He manifests some interest in Society and a desire to be retained in membership.

He presents through us the enclosed communication to the Monthly Meeting.

Under all the circumstances we think it may be advisable to grant his request; – which we submit to the meeting

Samuel Austin

Providence 3d mo. 25th 1862 Thomas E. Steere

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Earnestly desiring to continue a member of the Society of Friends, I will endeavor to prove, by my future conduct, that I am worthy of the confidence of Friends, if the Monthly Meeting shall see fit to retain me as a member; – hoping to be benefitted by the connection and to do no discredit to society

Providence 3d mo 10th 1862

George A. Chase"

The Committee to visit Richard Farnum informed that they had given some attention to the case. they are continued, to report at our next meeting

Samuel Austin — Clerk

Fourth Month 1862

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo. 23d 1862

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, James Dennis & Turner Haskell; from Providence, Thomas Hartness and Welcome Congdon; who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings; a summary of which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf and Thos. Hartness, whom we appoint our representatives.

~~The com~~ We have received the following communication from the Select Preparative Meeting, viz

"At Providence Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held 4th mo 17th 1862

We are united in proposing to the Monthly Meeting, the appointment of James Dennis and Gideon C. Smith to the station of elder—

Saml. Boyd Tobey

To Providence Monthly Meeting Clerk for the day"

and the subject having claimed our deliberation, we have—with the concurrence of the women's meeting—united in the appointment proposed; and the Clerk is directed to forward this information to the Quarterly Meeting.

We have united with the women's meeting in the appointment of Anna T. Dennis to the station of elder;—which information the clerk is directed to forward to the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee to visit Richard Farnum informed that they had given some attention to the case. They are continued to report at our next meeting.

Thomas E. Steere reported that he had attended to his appointment in the case of George A. Chace.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Meader, a Minister in unity, opened in this meeting a concern to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in New York, which is united with, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf such minute as the women's meeting may furnish her.

We appoint Thos. Hartneſs and Turner Haskell a committee with whom she may consult on any subjects connected with the accomplishment of her prospect.

We have united with the women's meeting in discontinuing Eliza A. Peckham as a member of our religious society.

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended; on first day mornings by Friends generally; in the afternoon of that day and in week-days they are more neglected. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping. Care taken in the above deficiencies

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us and detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge.

3d A care manifested by Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainneſs and to preserve them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Mostly good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine; the unneceſsary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation & temperance in the cases referred to

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their neceſsities relieved; their children partake of learning. Some placed out from among Friends

6th Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to discipline

7th. We know of no violation of our testimony in relation to the payment of priests' wages; and we believe that Friends endeavor to labor faithfully to maintain our testimony in relation to the other important subjects of this query

8th. We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th. Careful as to records. Care taken in relation to a few removals without certificates

10th. Friends exercise a care to deal regularly with offenders agreeably to the query; and to place judgement, where it appears necessary, according to discipline.

Fifth Month 1862

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo. 28th 1862

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Daniel Buffinton and Wm A. Robinson; who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who was absent to attend a funeral on that day

The committee to visit Richard Farnum made the following report which is accepted, with the unity of the women's meeting - and he is accordingly disowned as a member of our religious society. Jabez Haskell is appointed to inform him of this conclusion of the meeting. [the report of the committee is on the next page, 394.]

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute "To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in N.Y.

Dear Friends

We are informed that our friends James Dennis & Anna T. Dennis believe it right for them to accompany our friend Elizabeth Meader in attending your approaching Yearly Meeting, with which this meeting unites, - they being elders in good esteem with us

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
We your committee in case of Richard Farnum, report that we have given attention to the subject of our appointment. He received us kindly but did not seem disposed to remove the cause upon which the complaint was grounded. We believe further labor with him would prove unavailing and therefore recommend that his connection with the Society of Friends be discontinued

Providence 5th mo. 28. 1862

Joseph Cartland }
Gideon C. Smith } committee"

Prov. Rep. Mtg. held how in 6th mo

"For the better accommodation of Friends it is concluded - in concurrence with the women's meeting - that whenever Providence Preparative Meeting would occur in the week of holding the Yearly Meeting, that it be held the previous week

Samuel Austin — clerk

Sixth Month 1862

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th mo. 25th 1862

The representatives from the preparative meetings are from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine & Turner Haskell; from Providence Joseph Cartland & Joseph C. Peckham; - who are present.

Our beloved friend Joseph Hobson attended this meeting and presented a certificate from Gilead Monthly Meeting Ohio endorsed by Alum-Creek Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity of his friends with him as a minister & in his present religious engagements. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Isaac Stanley accompanying our friend Joseph Hobson attended this meeting & presented a certificate from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio expressive of their unity with him & in his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is requested to furnish each of these friends with a copy of the minute made on his account.

Turner Haskell reports that he has informed Richard Farnum of the conclusion of this meeting in his case.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned to this meeting the minute granted her to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in New York with the information that she had been favored to accomplish the service contemplated, to the entire peace of her mind. She also presented a copy of a minute of New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders expressing that her company had been acceptable; which is satisfactory to us.

Our friends James Dennis & Anna T. Dennis also returned the minute granted them last month to accompany our friend Elizabeth Meader, with a copy of a minute from the same meeting expressing that their company had been acceptable: which information is satisfactory to us.

Seventh Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo. 31th. 1862

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence Joseph C. Peckham & Jos. H. Atwater; who are present. The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st., 2d, & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings, We have adopted the subjoined summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Turner Haskell Thomas Harkness & Wm. A. Robinson whom we appoint to attend as our representatives.

Our beloved friend John Henry Douglass attended this meeting, and presented a certificate from Dover Monthly Meeting Ohio endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and in his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

Our esteemed friend Eli Harvey, accompanying our friend J. Henry Douglass attended this meeting & presented a certificate from Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio expressive of unity with him as an elder & in his present religious engagement. His company has been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have accepted the following, remova certificate in favor of Francis A. B. Huſsey & wife an their minor son.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends"

Dear Friends

Francis A. B. Huſsey and his wife Hannah Huſsey, having removed within the limits of your meeting, request our certificate for them selves and minor son. This may certify that they are members of this meeting and diligent attenders thereof while with us and have settled their temporal affairs. Their son Samuel Bancroft is a member and a minor. As such we recommend them to your Christian care & are your frien

Signed by direction of Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends held at South Durham 6th mo. 24th 1862

Calvin S. Goddard }
Martha M. Varney } Clerks

Thomas Jones - Correspondent"

We have received & read at this time the Report of the Yearly Meeting's committ having charge of the Boarding School; also the following minute of advice addreſsed by the Year to its subordinate meetings; which is acceptable to us. viz — 'While engaged in the review of the state of Soci the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query was brought impreſsively before us and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone - then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority in the spirit of meekneſs and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed free from prejudic moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ to labor, in this love and in tenderneſs to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing,

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1862.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have iven attention to their appointment, during the past year, nd feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the istitution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53 ales and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74 ales, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albert K. Smiley and liza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Prinipal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, 'eachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathmatics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and atin; Alfred Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, acher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, nder the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attribued to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been sysematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have een satisfactorily held in the school house, on first day mornngs, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the 'eek the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show e following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with $3800 from the income of e permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the school. he remainder of the income has been applied to the payment interest, insurance, &c., and the liquidation of the debt, 1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a alance of $50,15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside ainting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but e trust this may be made without involving the Institution any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last ear, and that the charges remain the same, viz. $40 per term, r members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other 'early Meetings, and where one or both parents are members f our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge nd expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payble in advance. And that $5, additional charge, continue to e made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in 'rench or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furished at the same price as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School ommittee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meetg and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.
Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1862."

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each ex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonbly informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to ccupy places in the school, in order that they may determine ow many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our 'early Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee t their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th Months—as eretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of memers of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, vill be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

then may the Church testify against his evil way, and for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgement of this meeting that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts – a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them. From the Minutes of the Meeting

Saml. Boyd Tobey, Clerk"

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended. Those on the mornings of First day, by Friends generally. Midweek meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained among us, and detraction generally guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

810th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree in accordance with the query; and judgement placed when necessary according to discipline.

Samuel Austin – clerk

Eighth Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo. 29th 1862. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Moses H. Beede; from Providence Daniel Buffinton and Thomas Hawkins, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one. We have received through them 145 copies of the London General Epistle for 1861, for the use of our members

We have received at this time the following minute and we accordingly appoint Joseph C. Peckham Caleb M. Paine & Joseph H. Atwater to co-operate with the Yearly Meeting's committee on Education in promoting the concern of that meeting in relation to this important subject

"Yearly Meeting, 6th mo., 1862

The Committee on Education presented a Report which is interesting to this Meeting; and in conformity to the suggestions contained therein, our Monthly Meetings are requested to appoint Committees to render their aid in procuring accurate statistical information, & by other proper means to assist the Committee in the fulfilment of the interesting & important concern of this meeting for the increase of the number of First Day schools and for the promotion of the religious and literary education of our dear youth and children in conformity with our established order & Christian principles. From the Minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey, clerk

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers of Society, as Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting-Houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds, and Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder;- and we appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Thos. Harkness & Gideon C. Smith to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors & Recorder. They are also requested to examine the Treasurer's account and report the state of it.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend James Dennis a copy of the following Minute viz "Our esteemed friend James Dennis - an elder in unity - informed this meeting that he believed it would be right for him to accompany our beloved friend Wm. Greene in such portion of his religious visit to Friends in America as way should open for him to do. The concern of our friend is fully united with, and he is encouraged to attend to his prospect"—

Saml Austin - clerk

Ninth Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th month 24th 1862.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf; from Providence George L. Collins & Welcome A. Greene; who are present.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have accepted the following removal certificates in behalf of Albert K. Smiley & Alfred H. Smiley and their families from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, Iowa.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends R. I.

Dear Friends

Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. his wife members of this meeting having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting request our certificate of their right of membership. This is therefore to certify, that on due inquiry, respecting their conduct and the proper adjustment of their outward affairs no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in their behalf. We therefore, recommend them and their minor daughter Annette P. to you and, remain your friends Signed by direction and on behalf of Spring Creek Monthly meeting of Friends, Iowa, held 9th mo. 6th 1862

Andrew C. Williams
Jane M. Hollingsworth } Clerks

Benjamin Hollingsworth, Correspondent.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, R. I.

Dear Friends

Alfred H. Smiley & Rachel M. his wife members of this meeting, having removed with their minor children Edward A., Frederick H. and George H. to reside within the limits of your meeting request our certificate of their right of membership. This is therefore to certify that on due inquiry, respecting their conduct and the proper adjustment of their outward affairs, no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in their behalf. We therefore recommend them to you and remain in love your friends. Signed by direction and in behalf of Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends Iowa held 9mo. 6th 1862

Benj. Hollingsworth
Correspondent

Andrew C. Williams
Jane Hollingsworth } Clerks

The Committee appointed last month made the following report, which is accepted and the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated, for the following year or until another appointment, viz

"Agreeably to appointment, we propose the following named friends for the services designated

Samuel Austin, Clerk
Thos. E. Steere, Assistant do.
Samuel Austin, Recorder
William A. Robinson, Treasurer
Gideon C. Smith } Auditors
Joseph C. Peckham }

We have examined and settled the Treasurers accounts and find a balance due him on the expense acct. of Twenty Four Dollars & fifty one cents, and a balance in his hands of Seven dollars & 58/100 on the Charitable School Fund Acct.; also a balance in his hands of Seventy eight dollars & seventy eight cts on the income of the Burial Ground fund, and a balance of income in his hands of Sixty Three dollars and five cents on the Deborah H. Jenckes fund

Providence 9th mo 19th 1862
To Providence Mo. Meeting
Thomas Harkness
for the Committee

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following information from the Overseers

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

It has become our duty to inform the Monthly Meeting that Thomas S. Tobey has entered the military service of the United States

Providence 9mo. 14th 1862
Wm A. Robinson
Jos. Cartland } Overseers
Saml Austin

We appoint Samuel Austin & Joseph C. Peckham to give the necessary attention to the case and report at a future meeting.

We have recd. from the same the following information. We appoint Joseph Cartland and Thos. Harkness to extend the requisite care in this case and report at a future meeting. viz. "We have to inform the Monthly Meeting that Thomas Chace Jr. has been engaged in the United States' military service

Providence 9mo. 14. 1862
Wm A Robinson
Jos. Cartland } Overseers"
Saml. Austin

Our friend James Dennis returned the minute granted him last month with the information that on meeting again our beloved friend William Green he found that he felt released from farther labor in America; and that he has since returned to his native land

The London General Epistle for 1861, has been read at this time and its important Christian doctrine & counsel affectionately recommended to us.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Tenth Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 29th 1862

The representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis & Jacob Metcalf; from Providence Joseph H. Atwater & Welcome Congdon; who are present

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings of which the following summary has been adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Saml. Boyd Tobey & Joseph C. Peckham whom we appoint our Representatives

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the friends named as follows

Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Turner Haskell	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith Turner Haskell	Overseers of the Poor
Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell	Caretakers of Meeting house, burial-grounds & funerals at Cumberlan
James Dennis Gideon C. Dennis Caleb M. Paine	Same duties at Smithfi
Daniel Meader Turner Haskell	Reporters of Births, Deaths, to the Recorder

and Providence Preparative Meeting the following

William A. Robinson	Overseers of Society
Joseph Cartland	
Samuel Austin	

Welcome Congdon	Overseers of the Poor
Joseph C. Peckham	

Thomas Harkness	Caretakers of Meeting-Houses Funerals & Burial Grounds at Providence & Scituate
Welcome Congdon	
William A. Robinson	
Joseph C. Peckham	
Joseph Cartland	
Joseph H. Atwater	

Joseph H. Atwater	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder
Robert Shove	

which on consideration are approved; & the friends named are appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

The following information having been received through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Edward Harris Greene, we appoint Samuel Austin, Joseph Cartland & Thomas E. Steere to extend the necessary care in the case and report at a future meeting - viz

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
We inform the Monthly Meeting that Edward H. Greene has connected himself with the military service of the United States; and that his previous conduct was not consistent with our Christian profession

Providence R.I.
10th mo. 20th 1862

William A. Robinson
Jos. Cartland
Samuel Austin
Overseers"

The committee in the case of Thomas F. Tobey which is accepted; and with the concurrence of the women's meeting we conclude to disown him as a member of our religious society. Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of this decision of the meeting

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
The committee appointed in the case of Thomas F. Tobey report that they have given it such attention as seemed required by them. While evincing a truly kind regard towards friends and a desire for their prosperity, he appears to

consider, as we do that his present position is inconsistent with membership in our religious society

Joseph C. Peckham
Providence 10th mo. 29th 1862 Samuel Austin

The committee in the case of Thomas Chace Jr. made the following report which on deliberation is accepted and, the women's meeting concurring, we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious society; Joseph Cartland is appointed to give him this information

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee in the case of Thomas Chase Jr. in account of the communication from the overseers, report. We have had a full opportunity with him. He treated us kindly but informed us he felt satisfied with his past course and could not encourage a prospect of a change. Further labor, in our judgement, would not be advisable, Which we submit to the meeting

Jos. Cartland
Providence 10th mo. 15th 1862 Thomas Harkness

The subject of ventilating our meeting house in Providence, coming under consideration at this time we appoint Gilbert Congdon Joseph C. Peckham and George L. Collins to take such action in the matter as may appear expedient and report to this meeting when accomplished.

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting in favor of Lucretia Chace wife of James H. Chace

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended. Those on First day morning by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day & on week days not so well attended. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping

2d We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us and detraction generally guarded against No difference has come to our knowledge

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried; and judgements placed we believe according to discipline.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 26th 1862.

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are from Smithfield Turner Haskell & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence George L. Collins & Albert K. Smiley who are present except one.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended. We have received the following minute relative to stock, viz.

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 6th. 1862.

It was concluded to raise Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars; & our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward this amount to Welcome Congdon, our Treasurer. - The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is One Hundred and sixty eight dollars ($168.), - 48 per cent

Gilbert Congdon - Clerk"

This meeting directs our Treasurer to pay to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer the amount called for

The Committee in the case of Edward Harris Greene informed that they had given some attention to the case. They are continued to report at a future meeting

The subject of painting the meeting house in Providence, both within and without, and also the fences enclosing these premises claiming our consideration at this time, we authorize the Committee having charge of the house with the addition of George L. Collins & Gilbert Congdon to give such attention to the subject as they may deem expedient & report to this meeting when accomplished. Joseph Cartland reports that he has given Thomas Chace Jr. the information required in his case.

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Twelfth Month 1862.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo. 24. 1862.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Metcalf
from Prov. W. A. Greene & Ed. Sutton } who are present

The Committee having a care in connection with the meeting held monthly at Scituate made the following report which is satisfactory: and we appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey, Moses H. Beede, Joseph Cartland, Wm. A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis, Joseph H. Atwater, Joseph C. Peckham to unite with such committee as the women's meeting may appoint, in extending such care in the case as was contemplated by this meeting in the original appointment of a committee; and report in the 12th mo. next ✝:

[below] Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him in the 10th mo. 1861 with the information that he had accomplished the service contemplated, as far as way had opened for it, to the peace of his mind. He also presented copies of minutes from Smithfield Sandwich & Salem Quarterly Meetings expressing that his company & religious services had been acceptable to them; which is satisfactory to us.

The Preparative meetings are requested to raise & forward to the Treasurer of this meeting the sum of Seven Hundred & Fifty Dollars to defray its expenses for the ensuing year.

Samuel Austin reported that the necessary information had been given to Thomas T. Tobey. We have united with the womens meeting in the case of Mary B. Reynolds discontinuing her right of membership in our religious society. The following Report was then read × To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to attend meetings for worship in Friends' meeting house in Scituate on the last First Day in each month, report that these meetings have been regularly held to good satisfaction & have been generally attended by a pretty large number of individuals of that neighborhood as well as by most of the members of our religious society residing within the limits of that meeting. There is an evident interest felt in these meetings on the part of those attending them - and it is our judgement that it would be well to continue them for the present, as heretofore, under the care of a committee.

Saml Boyd Tobey } On behalf of the Committee
Elizth. Meader } Which is accepted & the Mtg is continued

Providence 12th mo. 24th. 1862. under the same care. Saml. Austin - Clerk

1st. Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st mo. 28th. 1863.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield, Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence, Wm. A. Robinson & Joseph H. Atwater; who are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. The following have been adopted, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Hartness Gideon C. Smith & Wm A. Robinson whom we appoint our representatives.

To extend the necessary care for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting we appoint Welcome Congdon, Joseph H. Atwater & Thomas E. Steere who are desired to report at our next meeting.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting, we have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of N. Henry Wilbur, viz. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, R.I.

Dear Friends

N. Henry Wilbur a member of this meeting having removed and settled within your limits requests our certificate of his right of membership

This is therefore to certify that on due inquiry respecting his conduct & the proper adjustment of his outward affairs, no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in his behalf. We therefore recommend him to you, & remain in love your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo, 1st, 1862 at Bloomington Muscatine Co. Iowa

Charles A. Tibbetts – Clerk for the day

May H. Tibbetts – Clerk"

Winton Darlington
Correspondent

We have received from our Meeting for Sufferings their reprint of an address issued by the Representatives of New York Yearly Meeting, calling the attention of Friends to the situation of the colored freedmen of our land & suggesting practical efforts for their amelioration, This interesting subject having already claimed the attention of some of our members, this meeting would encourage Friends generally to cherish a lively sympathy with the class referred to, and to manifest it by a ready answer according to their ability to the loud appeal which a knowledge of their condition presents.

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended; on First day mornings by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week not so generally attended by our own members. The hour is observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming appearance.

2d. Love and unity generally maintained & detraction guarded against. No differences that have come to our knowledge.

10th. Care taken to deal with offenders without partiality or unnecessary delay. Judgement placed we believe according to discipline

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Second Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d mo. 25th 1863.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Jacob Metcalf & James Dennis; from Providence Calvin Knowles & Thomas Harkness; who are present except one; for whose cause an adequate cause was assigned.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported that the expense incurred was $\$21\frac{92}{100}$. The Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

The committee in the case of Edward Harris Greene made the following report, which is accepted, and the meeting concurring we accordingly annul his membership with us; Thomas E. Greene is appointed to give him this information. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends" The Committee in the case of Edward H. Greene - unable to report earlier on account of his absence from the State – would now inform that they have given such attention to the subject as seemed requisite; and apprehending that no advantage is likely to result to him or to our society from longer retaining him a member, we recommend his being discontinued as such

Providence 2d mo. 24th 1863.
Samuel Austin
Joseph Cartland } Committee
Thos. C. Steere

We unite with the women's meeting in continuing Ruth E. Sanford a member of our religious society.

Samuel Austin – Clerk

Third Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly of Friends held 3d Mo 25th 1863.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meeting are from Smithfield Turner Haswell & Gideon C. Smith from Providence Alfred H. Smiley and Francis A. B. Hussey, who are present

Thomas C. Steere reports that he has communicated to Edward H. Greene the information necessary in his case.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning Thomas A. Greene "To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends Thomas A. Greene has united himself in marriage with a person not a member of our religious society

Providence 3d Mo. 17th 1863
Wm. A. Robinson
Joseph Cartland } Overseers
Saml. Austin

We appoint Thomas C. Steere and James Dennis to extend the necessary care in the case and report at our next meeting

We have received through the same meeting the following information concerning George G. Greene

"To Providence Preparative Mtg. of Friends George G. Greene has married a person not a member of our religious society

Providence 3d mo. 17. 1863.
Wm. A. Robinson
Jos. Cartland } Overseers
Saml. Austin

We appoint Thos. C. Steere and James Dennis to

AT A MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS

HELD BY ADJOURNMENT AT

PROVIDENCE, THE 24th OF 3d MO., 1863.

In seasons of adversity and trial it becomes brethren to sympathize one with another; to pray one for another; and so far as may be to bear the burdens one of another and thus "fulfill the law of Christ."

Assembled as we now are and engaged, in this time of calamity when the desolating scourge of war is upon our country, to know what is required at our hands, we have felt drawn in much tenderness towards our beloved fellow members of this Yearly Meeting with fervent desires to strengthen them to be steadfast and immovable in doing the work of the Lord, and in obeying the teaching and precepts of the blessed Saviour, of Him at whose advent a multitude of the Heavenly Host praised "God, saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In these heavenly strains was the birth of Christ celebrated by the angels. To establish peace on earth was one of the purposes for which he left the bosom of the Father; took upon Him the form of a servant and dwelt among men. In all His teachings and in all the declarations of the glad tidings both by inspired men and by angels, peace, peace is proclaimed.

For our present object it may not be necessary for us to recite the full and explicit commands, by which as a religious Society we have ever felt bound unequivocally to bear our testimony against all war, under whatever provocation or temptation; and in support thereof much suffering has been endured; many sacrifices have been made; many afflictions have been borne by our forefathers in the Truth—but the Lord delivered out of them all.

In our own favored land in time past, liberty of conscience, with little exception, has been held sacred by our Legislators, and few of our members of the present generation have suffered either in person or estate on account of our christian principles. It is possible that in our entire freedom we have not all of us always been so consistent in maintaining, so concerned in upholding this testimony before our fellow-men; so engaged that our light should shine in their presence as to produce conviction on their minds of the depth and sacredness of this vital testimony in our hearts. We have not perhaps always shown that our trust for preservation was placed on the Lord Almighty, and not on the strength of man—and it may be that we shall yet be required to suffer for Christ's sake in the support of Peace. But will we shrink from suffering, if thereby we maintain a conscience void of offence toward God and man?

We tenderly entreat and exhort our dear young men, not to violate or disregard a conscientious scruple—Trust in God—He is a present help in time of need—They who love Him never yet sought His face in vain—His name is a strong tower into which all these may run and find safety—Even if assailed be courteous to all, and manifest a meek and quiet spirit with that love which becomes followers of Jesus; and thus you may turn away all wrath and bring revilers to serious reflection and peradventure be instrumental in winning them to Christ—Avoid all contention and excitement and all unprofitable discussion of the measures adopted by the Rulers of our nation now in power—While you love your country, and are ready to relieve the sufferings of our fellow men, by every christian means in your power, you may best promote your country's good by putting up your prayers for its preservation and for the restoration of peace within all its borders.

And our elder brethren we entreat to watch over the younger in tender love—Keep near them—Counsel them for good—Endeavor to lighten their burdens should they be involved in trials—Remind them of the sure promises of God to all that put their trust in Him—Go with them into suffering if suffering should be their lot—Let it be seen of all men that the love of Christ binds us together.

While we believe it right for us thus to express our feelings and our deep concern, and to exhort all to unswerving faithfulness, we are comforted with an abiding faith that we shall not be tried beyond what we are able to bear, but that a way of escape and relief will be provided by Him, who hath power to turn the hearts of the children of men as one turneth the water course in his field, and who is most honored when most trusted—best pleased when best obeyed.

The Clerk is requested to have three thousand copies of the foregoing Minute printed, and furnished to the Meetings and Members of this Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

extend the care necessary in this case & report at our next meeting.

We have received through the same channel the following information concerning Edward W. Atwater, Joseph C. Peckham and Samuel Austin are appointed to give the necessary care on the account and report at a future meeting.

"To Providence Preparative Meeting
We now inform the meeting that Edward W. Atwater has entered the military service of the United States
Providence 3rd mo. 17, 1863

Wm. F. Robinson
Jos. Hartland } Overseers
Saml. Austin

Saml. Austin - Clerk

Fourth Month 1863

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 29th 1863.

The representatives from the Preparative meetings are, from Smithfield Turner Haskell and Job Mann; from Providence Daniel Buffinton & Francis A.B. Hussey; who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers from each of our Preparatives Meetings. We have adopted the following Summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gilbert Congdon, Thomas Harkness and James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives. Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon, a minister in unity, informed us that for some time past he has felt an engagement of mind to visit the meetings constituting Fairfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings, and, if he should apprehend it required of him, to attend to some other religious service within the limits of those meetings. His prospect was united with by this meeting & he is left at liberty to attend to it as Truth may open the way. The committee in the cases of Thomas A. & George S. Greene are continued to report at a future meeting. We have read at this time a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings encouraging Friends under the peculiar trials incident to the present state of public affairs to a continued trust in God; and to a faithful maintenance of our Christian principles & testimonies in the Spirit of the Gospel.

Care has been taken to supply our members with copies of this timely and acceptable paper. It is as follows.

Answers to the Queries : 4th Mo. 1863.

1st. All our meetings have been attended; in the mornings of First day by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected — No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping

2d. We believe love & unity are maintained amongst us, and detraction generally guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

3d. Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel; to restrain from pernicious reading & corrupt conversation mostly good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

4th, We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except as medicine; & to attend to the other parts of this query

5th, The circumstances of the poor are properly attended to & their children freely partake of learning. None placed out from among Friends

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

7th. We believe our testimony is maintained against the payment of priests' wages, bearing arms, training and other military matters, except that five young men have entered the United States' military service, in which cases, with one exception, care has been extended also against being concerned in property taken in war, buying or vending goods suspected to be run and against making false entries to evade the payment of duties

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8th. Friends in general are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts.

Punctuality to their promises and justice in the payment of their debts is attended to, and are exercised to live within their means

Ans. 9th. Careful as to records; mostly careful as to certificates

Ans 10th. Care taken to deal with offenders without unnecessary delay and to place judgement when necessary according to discipline

Samuel Austin. Clerk

Fifth Month 1863

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 27th 1863.

The representatives are, from Smithfield Preparative meeting, Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine; from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Thos. Chase who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Saml Austin - Clerk

Sixth Month 1863

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th. Mo. 24. 1863

The representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Turner Haskell, & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

The Committee in the case of Thomas A. Greene presented the following report; which on consideration is accepted, and the women's meeting concurring, his right of membership is accordingly canceled. Gilbert Congdon is appointed to give him the necessary information viz. "The Committee appointed to confer with Thomas A. Greene upon complaint of the Overseers, report, that they have attended to their appointment. He expressed an interest in the Society and acknowledged that he had been for a long time "fully convinced of the truth of the leading doctrines as held by Friends"; but, manifesting no desire longer to remain a member, we think it best to discontinue him as such

James Dennis }
Thomas E. Steere } Com."

To the Monthly Meeting
Providence 6th mo. 24. 1863

The Committee in the case of George G. Greene made the following report which is accepted; and with the unity of the women's meeting he is accordingly disconnected with our Religious Society. Gilbert Congdon is appointed to give him this information.

[Below, see] A removal certificate from Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting New Jersey in favor of [illegible] C. Wood was received at this meeting but as he is not now residing among us, the clerk is directed to return it with this information.

The following removal certificate is received in favor of Daniel Steere, the women's meeting uniting. "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends - Daniel Steere having removed and settled within the limits of your Monthly Meeting, these are to certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Society & on inquiry it appears he has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. We recommend him to your Christian care

By direction & on behalf of Smithfield Monthly Mtg. of Friends held 3rd Mo. 26th 1863
Isaac Steere Correspondent"
Richard Battey }
Mary B. Read } clerks.

We have received and read at this time the London General Epistle for 1862. Its valuable doctrine & counsel, and its careful reperusal by us individually, have been especially recommended. A sufficient number of copies has been received to supply the families of Friends.

"To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in 3rd Mo. last in the case of George G. Greene, report that they have had an interview with him. He seemed kindly disposed towards Friends but expressed no wish longer to be retained in membership. We accordingly recommend that he be discontinued as a member of our Society

James Dennis }
Thomas E. Steere } Committee

Samuel Austin - clerk

Seventh Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 29. 1863. The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine, from Providence Thomas E. Steere and Thomas Chace, who are present.

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1863.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING :—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report : that they have attended to their appointment, and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females ; for the winter term, 166, viz., 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals ; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal ; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches ; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics ; Charles R. Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin ; Alfred Gaudelet, Teacher of French ; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. Wing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory ; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee :—" The removal by death of one of the pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:—

" Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.
Dear Friends :

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the Manufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value $6,500) ; one hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value $6,000), one hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value $5,000) ; and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value, $5,000), for the education of poor children, in that Institution ; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,
I am your friend,
JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our records, viz. :—

" This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope, transit instrument and clock ; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting ; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members ; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises ; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

NOTE.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and closes the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the " charitable fund," or of " the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes ; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee ; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf Samuel Boyd Tobey and Wm A. Robinson whom we appoint to attend as our representatives

Samuel Austin reported that he had returned the certificate in favor of Alfred Wood & presented an acknowledgement that it had been received by Plainfield(2) & Rahway(1) Monthly Meeting

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beede, a minister in unity, expressed in this meeting a concern which he had some time felt to attend in the love of the Gospel - should way open for it - the ensuing Quarterly Meetings of Salem and Dover and also to perform some other religious service within the limits of said meetings. Full unity and sympathy with him in his prospect were expressed and he was encouraged to attend to it as Truth may open the way! The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute. William A. Robinson & Gideon C. Smith are appointed a committee to confer with Moses H. Beede on any matters connected with the accomplishment of his proposed service.

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, as Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals & Burial Grounds, and Reporters of births and deaths to the Recorder; and Thomas Hastings and Gideon C. Smith are appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Clerks Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors

Gilbert Congdon reports that Thomas A. Greene and George J. Greene have received the necessary information in their case.

The annual report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time & is acceptable to us.

The Committee appointed in the 10th mo. to provide for the proper ventilation of our meeting house in Providence report the expense at about ($145) one hundred & forty eight dollars, which the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay.

Answers to the Queries - 7th Mo. 1863.

1st. All our meetings have been attended. Those on First day mornings by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are more neglected. The hour is observed. No unbecoming behavior except some instances of sleeping.

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement, where required, according to Discipline.

Eighth Month 1863

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 26th 1863. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf from Providence Welcome A. Greene & James Reynolds. Present except one.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee named at our last meeting made the following report and the Friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated or until another appointment. The same Committee are desired to examine & settle the Treasurer's account and report at our next meeting.

"To the Monthly Meeting

We propose the following named Friends for the services designated

Samuel Austin	Clerk
Thomas E. Steere	Assistant Clerk
William A. Robinson	Treasurer
Gideon C. Smith	Auditors
Joseph C. Peckham	
Samuel Austin	Recorder

Providence 8th Mo. 25th 1863

Thos. Hacker
Gideon C. Smith } Committee

At a Special meeting of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Boston the 30th of 7 mo., 1863.

At our meeting, specially called at this time on account of the trials to which our beloved younger Friends are now subjected by the Conscription Law of the General Government for supplying soldiers for the army, we have been introduced into deep and tender sympathy on account of this class and very earnest has been our desire that they may be strengthened to maintain in simplicity and humility, faithful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and to be firm in the support of our testimony founded on the direct commands and teachings of our blessed Lord and His apostles against all war. We are very desirous that there should be no doubts in the minds of any Friends as to the incompatibility of a maintenance of our christian testimony against war, and a compliance with the existing law by payment of money as a commutation for the performance of military service—and we believe it proper to call the attention of Friends to a portion of our ancient Discipline, viz. :—

> "We are sorrowfully affected, by the answers to the queries, that some friends have failed in the maintenance of our Christian testimony against wars and fighting, by joining with others to hire substitutes, and by the payment of money to exempt themselves from personal service, in the militia; a practice inconsistent with the testimony to the reign of the Prince of Peace our ancients received, and were concerned to maintain through cruel sufferings, and which the faithful in this day dare not shrink from : Which defection from our Christian testimony and general practice having been matter of sorrow to this meeting, we are concerned strongly to advise against, and that friends every where stand faithful and single in their dependence on the Lord for preservation, who alone is forever able to keep in perfect safety. And if suffering be the lot which doth result from such obedience to the divine requiring, such will, as they abide in the simplicity and innocence of truth, reap the fruits of peace in their own bosom. Let therefore the care of friends, in their several monthly-meetings, be exerted to prevent any contributions for hiring substitutes, or other methods of exempting themselves from the militia, inconsistent with our well-known testimony. 1760."

Dear friends, now is our time of trial—now is the time for us to manifest to our fellow-men that while we would pay all respect to our Government—while we sympathize with those in authority in their peculiarly painful position—while we are loyal to our country, and are disposed cheerfully to bear every burden which we may do without conflicting with our conscientious scruples—yet whatever may be our sufferings, we feel our allegiance to the King of Kings to be paramount to all other considerations.

This meeting is adopting all the means that we think calculated to procure relief—but whether successful or not, we entreat you to trust in the arm omnipotent—patiently and manfully endure suffering, if that be necessary to secure peace of conscience—and your trust will not prove in vain.

Practically we believe it may prove the safest course for Friends when they receive notice that they are conscripted, to present themselves before the designated authority at the appointed time, and in respectful terms, acknowledging their loyalty to the Government, make known their conscientious scruples against bearing arms—that they cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the existing laws by paying commutation money, or by supplying a substitute—or any other mode of exemption except the provisions for physical disability, and other exemptions as provided by said law, but that they shall for conscience sake submit quietly to the penalty that may be inflicted.—Endeavor, beloved friends, to possess your souls in patience, and manifest to all a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, and you will find Him a present help in this our time of need.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

The Committee appointed in the 11th Mo. last to make the necessary repairs upon the meeting house in Providence made the following report which is accepted and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the amount thereof $526 83/100.

To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last to make the necessary repairs and paint the meeting house shed and fence in Providence, Report that service has been attended to and the expense amounts to Five hundred twenty six dollars and 83 cents

Providence 8th Mo. 25th 1863

Thomas Harkness }
Wm A. Robinson }
Joseph C. Peckham } for the Committee
G. S. Collins }
Welcome Congdon }

A minute from our meeting for Sufferings issued at a special meeting called in the 7th Mo. on account of the trials to which our younger friends are now subjected, was received and read at this time; which is acceptable being regarded as timely and appropriate. It is as follows (attached to this leaf)

Samuel Austin, Clk

Ninth Month, 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 23d 1863

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Caleb M. Paine and Gideon C. Smith, from Providence William A. Robinson & Joseph H. Atwater who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts presented the following report which is accepted

Agreeable to appointment we have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts and find a balance due him in account with the Monthly Meeting of

One Hundred and Thirty Dollars 31 cents, and eighty seven dollars & 50 cts of the amount called for in the 1st. Mo. last has not been paid - We also find a balance due him on the Charitable School fund of Ten dollars and 34 cents and a balance in his hands on the Deborah Jencks Donation fund of Fifty Five dollars & 20 cts. and also a balance in his hands of One Hundred Dollars 42 cts on the Burial Ground fund

To the Monthly Meeting   Providence 9th Mo. 22d 1863
Thomas Harkness
Gideon C. Smith

We have accepted the following removal certificate in favor of James Estes, the women's meeting concurring "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

James Estes having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting we hereby certify on his behalf that he is a member of this Monthly Meeting of orderly life and conversation & has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction

We therefore recommend him to your Christian care and oversight and remain your friends

Signed by direction and on behalf of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 8mo. 31. 186

Joseph Estes
Correspondent
Samuel Gifford } Clerks
Laura L. Chace }

For the better accommodation of the First Day School held in the basement of this house the Committee having charge of the meeting house are hereby authorized to make any alterations and improvements which they may deem advisable, provided it be done without involving this meeting in the expenditure

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Tenth Month 1863

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th. Mo. 25th. 1863

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Caleb M. Paine from Providence, Joseph H. Atwater and Daniel Buffinton who are present. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st. 2d & 10th. from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, & Joseph Cartland whom we appointed our Representatives.

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in favor of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the Friends named as follows

Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Turner Haskell	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith Turner Haskell	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Caleb M. Paine	Care-takers of Meeting-houses funerals & burying ground Smithfield
Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell	Same service at Cumberland
Daniel Meader Jacob Metcalf	Reporters of births & deaths to the Recorder

and Providence Preparative Meeting proposes the following, which on consideration are approved and those named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year or till another appointment

William A. Robinson Joseph Cartland Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
Welcome Congdon Wm A. Robinson Joseph C. Peckham Joseph Cartland Joseph H. Atwater Benjamin Buffum	Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals & Burial-grounds at Providence & Scituate
George L. Collins Joseph H. Atwater	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder

Tenth Month 1863

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship & Discipline have been attended those on First-day mornings by Friends generally - On the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected - the hour observed - Some sleeping appearance, & other unbecoming behavior clear as far as appears

2d. Love and unity generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Care taken we believe to deal with offenders as queried after & to place judgement when necessary according to Discipline.

Samuel Austin, clerk

Eleventh Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 25th. 1863.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Caleb M. Paine and Joseph Metcalf from Providence Welcome A. Green & Joseph H. Atwater, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The Committee in the case of Edward W. Atwater made the following report; which on consideration is accepted, and, the womens meeting concurring; we accordingly discontinue him as a member of our religious Society. Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed to inform him of the action of this meeting in the case & report at our next meeting

"To the Monthly Meeting

The Committee to visit Edward W. Atwater on account of information received through the Overseers that he had joined the military service of the United States, report that they have given such attention to the case as they deemed needful; - and, that, with his present views, he cannot, in their judgement, be consistently retained in membership with Friends.

Providence 11th Mo. 24th 1863.

Samuel Austin
Joseph C. Peckham

Our friend Moses H. Beede returned at this time the minute granted him in the 7th Mo. with the information that he had been enabled to perform the service he then had in view to the full relief of his mind. He also presented copies of minutes from Salem and Dover Quarterly Meetings and the Monthly Meetings of Salem & Sandwich N.H. certifying that his company and Gospel labors had been satisfactory to them; all of which is acceptable to us.

The Committee having a care in relation to the meetings held monthly for some years past at Scituate, made report as follows; which is accepted the womens meeting concurring; and these meetings are accordingly suspended for the present after First day next.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to attend a meeting for worship at Scituate on the last First day in each month, Report that the meetings have been regularly held and to as good satisfaction the past year as at any former period. There appear to be those in that neighborhood besides our own members, that are interested in our meetings and we trust they have been held to some benefit - Nevertheless it is our judgement that the regular holding of them might properly be suspended for the present, desiring however to encourage Friends to appoint meetings there whenever they feel a religious engagement to do so - which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

On behalf of the committee
Samuel Boyd Tobey
Providence 11th mo. 25th 1863. Elizabeth Meader

Saml. Austin, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1863.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th. Mo. 30th 1863.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Job Mann & Joseph Metcalf; from Providence Daniel Buffinton & Thomas E. Stein; who are present.

Samuel Boyd Tobey reports that he has informed Edward W. Atwater of the action of the meeting in his case.

We have received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th Mo. 5th 1863.

It was concluded to raise Six Hundred Dollars, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward this sum to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is two Hundred and eighty eight dollars — (viz: $288 — (48 per ct.))

From the Minutes of the Meeting

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk

Our Treasurer is accordingly directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting the amount called for $288.

Our Treasurer is also directed to pay the amount of expense incurred in repairs on the meeting house at Smithfield One hundred sixty three 50/100 dollars ($163½).

Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the minute granted him in the 4th month, with the information that as far as way has opened for it he had accomplished the service he had in view to the peace of his mind, He also presented copies of minutes from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting and China, Vassalboro, Sidney & Litchfield Monthly Meetings certifying that his company and religious services had been acceptable to them; all of which is satisfactory to us.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

First Month 1864

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo 27th 1864

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis & Jacob Metcalf from Providence Thos. Harkness & Welcome A. Greene who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th (of which we have adopted the subjoined summary) to be forwarded for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness & James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Thomas E. Steere & Joseph H. Atwater to take the care necessary for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting to report next month

We conclude to raise for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting the sum of Five Hundred Dollars which our Preparative Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth C. Capron

Saml Austin,—Clerk

Summary of Answers

1st. All our meetings have been attended; on First day mornings by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected; the hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us and detraction generally guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

10th Care, we believe, is taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgement, when necessary, according to Discipline

Second Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d Mo. 24th. 1863

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Caleb M. Paine and Moses H. Beede; from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Francis A. B. Hussey, who are present.

The Representatives from the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended - except one.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting report their attention to the subject & that the expense attendant was ($25) Twenty five Dollars. The Clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report

We have received the following copy of a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings relative to a change in the terms of admission to our Yearly Meeting Boarding School

Samuel Austin Clerk

Third Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo. 30. 1864.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Daniel Buffington & Welcome Congdon, who are present

We have received the following communication from Edward H. Robinson. We appoint Samuel Austin & Joseph H. Atwater to visit him on the account & report at our next meeting

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

I wish to resign my right of membership in your religious society and hereby do so.

With feelings of respect and regard I am your friend

Edward H. Robinson"

A committee appointed in the 1st. Mo. to consider the subject of a new apportionment of Monthly Meeting stock; report that they are united in recommending that hereafter Smithfield Preparative Meeting pay 40 per ct. and Providence Preparative Meeting 60 per ct. thereof; and that ($500) Five hundred dollars of the sum set apart for the improvement of the Burial lot by minute of 7th Mo. 1859 be transferred to the general account & to be used for general purposes instead of the Five hundred directed to be raised by minute of 1st. Mo. 1864. They also recommend that the income of the remaining Five Hundred (of the one thousand dollars named in said minute) be hereafter appropriated exclusively to the uses therein named. Which report is accepted and its recommendation adopted as the judgment and decision of this meeting.

Samuel Austin

Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence 3d of 2nd month, 1864.

The following communication was received from our Boarding School Committee, viz. :—

"At a Meeting of the School Committee held at the School House, 2nd month, 2nd, 1864.

To the Meeting for Sufferings—

Dear Friends :—The great advance in the cost of all supplies required for the Boarding School, has claimed our renewed attention at this time ; and after a careful consideration of the subject it was concluded to apply to our Meeting for Sufferings, for its approval of the following changes in the rates of admission to this Institution, to take effect at the commencement of the next Term.

For members of this Yearly Meeting, $55.00 per Term. For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such, $80.00 per term. For any others who may be admitted $125.00 per Term. The same additional charge for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.

By direction of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk."

And this Meeting believing that the School cannot be sustained at the present enhanced cost of supplies, without an advance in the price for board and tuition, after a time of consideration, approves of the several propositions made by the Committee, and they are accordingly adopted, as the terms upon which pupils are to be admitted.

By direction of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

Providence Fourth Month 1864

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 27th 1864

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Gideon C. Smith, from Providence Jonathan L. Slocum and James Reynolds who are present

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary answers which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends James Dennis, Thomas Watkins & Jonathan L. Slocum whom we appoint our Representatives

"We have received the following communication concerning Alonzo Chace

"To The Monthly Meeting

This may inform that Alonzo Chace has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us, and has joined another religious denomination

Wm A. Robinson
Jos. Cartland } overseers"
Saml. Austin

We appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas E. Steer to take the necessary care in the case and report at our next meeting

We are informed through Providence Preparative Meeting that Calvin Knowles requests a removal certificate for himself & wife to Smithfield Monthly Meeting. We appoint Gideon C. Smith & Welcome A. Greene to prepare one, if no obstruction appear, and present it to our next meeting

Samuel Austin clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended; those on First day mornings are well attended, in the afternoon of that day and on week days they are more neglected. The time observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent except a few instances of sleeping

Ans. 2d. Love and unity generally well maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences known

Ans. 3d. Care generally observed by Friends to train up those under their direction in plainness - to restrain from pernicious reading and the corrupt conversation of the world. Pretty good examples being themselves and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

Answer 4th. Careful as regards spirituous liquors, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation on account of births marriages and on other occasions

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning to fit them for business. None placed out

Ans. 6th Parents & heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be in conformity with our Discipline

Ans 7th. We know of no exceptions to the maintenance of our testimonies in regard to the several particulars of this query except one case of the payment of commutation money - under care

Ans. 8th. We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans. 9th. Careful as to records, & mostly so, regarding certificates

Ans 10th. Care taken to deal with offenders, in good measure as queried after and to place judgement, when necessary, according to Discipline

Fifth Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 25th 1864

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis; from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Alfred H. Smiley who are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended.

The committee in the case of Alonzo Chase are continued to report at our next meeting

We have with the concurrence of the women's meeting approved & directed to be forwarded the following removal certificate in favor of Calvin Knowles & wife

"To Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Calvin Knowles and his wife Urania having removed to reside within the limits of Smithfield Monthly Meeting request our certificate. This may certify on their behalf that they are members of our religious society, diligent in the attendance of meetings and nothing appears but their outward affairs are settled satisfactorily. We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed by direction & on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Mo. 25. 1864

Samuel Austin, clerk
Saml Boyd Tobey　　Gertrude M. Cartland clerk for the day
Correspondents"

The Committee in the case of Edward H. Robinson presented the following report, which with the concurrence of the womens meeting is accepted and he is accordingly discontinued as a member of our religious Society Samuel Boyd Tobey is appointed to give him information of the action of this meeting in the case. [see next page]

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in the course of a religious visit attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister & with her present ~~religious~~ engagements. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Lydia Congdon attended this meeting as companion to our friend Susan Howland & presented a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with her as an Elder & with her present engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us.

The report of the committee in the case of Edward H. Robinson follows

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

The committee to visit Edward H. Robinson, on account of his resigning his right of membership, have had an interview with him in which he very freely conferred with us. Manifesting much attachment to Friends. and a sincere regard for their views and practices as a religious body, he frankly admits, in allusion to those concerning war, that his course has not been accordant therewith. This consideration appears to have influenced him in presenting his communication to the meeting

Under all the circumstances it is our judgement that it may be best for Friends to discontinue him as a member

Samuel Austin
Providence 5th Mo. 25/64 Joseph H. Atwater } Committee

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Sixth Month 1864

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 29th 1864.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield Job S. Mann and Joseph Metcalf; from Providence Joseph H. Atwater and Samuel Austin; who are present.

Our beloved friend Enos G. Bray attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Milford Monthly Meeting Indiana, endorsed by minute of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Milford 3d Mo. 5th 1864. expressive of their unity with him and with his present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Linton attended this meeting with a copy of a minute of Centre Monthly Meeting Clinton Co. Ohio, endorsed by Centre Quarterly Meeting held at Clinton 9th of 5th Mo. 1864. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Lucinda Hadley, companion of our friend S. Ann Linton, attended this meeting with a copy of minute of Springfield Monthly Meeting Lytle's Creek Clinton Co. O. of 5 mo. 21. /64 expressive of their unity with her as an elder, and with her present religious engagement Her company has been acceptable to us

The clerk is directed to ~~sign, for~~ these friends, ~~minutes~~ embracing the substance of the above prepared in the women's meeting

The committee in the case of Alonzo Chace presented the following report; which is accepted, and, in concurrence with the womens meeting, we accordingly disown him as a member of our religious Society. Saml. Austin is appointed to inform him of this decision of the meeting. [Report, below]

Samuel Boyd Tobey reports that he has informed Edward H. Robinson of the action of this meeting in his case.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf returning minutes prepared in the women's meeting for our friends Susan Howland & Lydia Congdon they having completed their religious services in visiting the families of Friends generally within the limits of this meeting.

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee appointed to communicate with Alonzo Chace on account of information recd through Providence Preparative Meeting. Report that we have given such attention to the subject as seemed requisite. While he expressed a regard for the usages of our Society & a sincere respect for its members, it appears that having for some time looked towards a discontinuance of his connection with Friends, he does not discover reasons for reversing his decision – Under the circumstances of the case, we think it may be best to cancel his membership with us Prov. 6th Mo. 29, 1864 Saml. Austin Thos. E. Steere

Samuel Austin Clerk

Seventh Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 7th Mo. 27th 1864.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine from Providence Jonathan L. Slocum and Thomas C. Steere; who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th a summary of which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gideon C. Smith, Saml Boyd Tobey and Samuel Austin whom we appoint our Representatives.

Samuel Austin reports that he has forwarded to Alonzo Chace the information required in his case.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon, a minister in unity, expreſsed in this meeting a concern to attend in the love of the Gospel the Quarterly Meetings of Dover and Falmouth, to visit the meetings constituting them as way may open for it and to attend to such other religious service within their limits as may arise in the course of his engagement.

The subject having claimed our consideration his concern is united with and he is liberated to attend thereto as Truth may open the way. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute. We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey and Joseph Cartland, a committee with whom our friend Gilbert Congdon may advise on any matters connected with the accomplishment of his proposed visit.

We have received and read at this time the Annual Report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School; which is acceptable to us. There have also been received for distribution among our members 150 copies of the London General Epistle for 1863 and a supply of the Minutes of our late Yearly Meeting.

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING, Sixth month, 1864.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-one pupils, viz: seventy-one males and fifty females, and in the Winter Term, one hundred and seventy-two, viz: one hundred males and seventy-two females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, Teachers in the English Branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the Summer Term, Elma M. Dame, and in the Winter Term, Amy E. Johnson were also engaged in the English Department, and since the commencement of the Winter Term, Rebecca H. Smiley has occupied the position of Principal of the Female Department; it having been necessary for Eliza P. Smiley, who has been acceptably associated with her husband in the government of the School, early in the summer to withdraw from active duties on account of her impaired health. The concerns of the Institution have been satisfactorily administered under this organization.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend Meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week; and other openings to advance the highest interest of the scholars, have been improved.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally good, except that, in the Winter Term, it was interrupted by the prevalence to a considerable extent, of mild indisposition, assuming the form, in several cases, of Diphtheria; all of whom recovered except Lucy Collins, daughter of William B. Collins, of Peekskill, N. Y., who died on the 10th of 1st month, in the sixteenth year of her age. To commemorate the grace of our Holy Redeemer, signally manifested in her closing hours, we present the following extract from the Report of the Principal to us. 'All who had the privilege of witnessing the joy which animated the countenance of this dear girl, and hearing the almost constant expressions of love to her Saviour, of faith in His promises, and her trust that she would soon be forever happy, were deeply moved, and such thought that Heaven was indeed brought very near to them.'

This solemn event was thus noticed in the Minutes of the Committee. 'The account of the removal of our dear young friend has produced on our minds renewed sympathy for the afflicted relatives, mingled with gratitude for this bright, happy close,—so full of the glorious hopes of a blessed immortality through *Him* who loved us and gave Himself for us."

On the 16th of 3d month another death occurred, from pulmonary disease. Rufus Read died, after a short and severe illness, in his 25th year. We believed it due to the memory of our dear departed friend, to preserve, on the Records of the Committee, the following minute: In the decease of Rufus Read, who for three and a half years had been very satisfactorily engaged as the Mathematical Teacher, we realize that this Institution has sustained a great loss. His faithful and efficient services were enhanced by a peculiar kindness, and readiness to assist in any department whenever called upon, while his amiable and unobtrusive manners endeared him to his associates.

His life thus suddenly terminated in the early meridian of his usefulness, was marked, at its close, by a clear demonstration of the truth, that, at such an hour, man has nothing to depend upon but the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. To those who stood around his dying bed, it was instructive and affecting to witness in one endeared to all who intimately knew him, his deep sense of the sinfulness of the human heart, and his earnest applications for the interposition of the ever-living Son of God. How full of grace and consolation is the Redeemer's promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," and we reverently trust that our dear departed friend witnessed its validity, and is now realizing that, "To depart and be with Christ is far better."

His conflict of spirit was very great, occasioned by the consciousness, notwithstanding he had been remarkably engaged to discharge his social and relative duties, that the strength of his days had not been sufficiently devoted to loving and serving such a gracious Saviour;—to us a solemn warning to strive that our day's work may be done in the day time. We sympathize with his afflicted relatives and friends, desiring that they may be favored to draw near to the Father of mercies and "God of all comfort."

These dispensations of Divine Providence, impressive to all, were, we hope, especially blessed to some, in the awakening to newness of life.'

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expense, for the past year, has exceeded the amount received from all sources, about twelve hundred dollars. This deficiency has been occasioned by the greatly enhanced cost of all the supplies for the School. This subject had claimed our attention for some time past, but at our meeting in the Second Month it was concluded that the interests of the School imperiously required of us to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its sanction of the following advance in the rates of admission, to take effect at the commencement of the Summer Term,—which was approved of by that Meeting, and the prices, thus altered, will be as follows: $55 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $80 per term for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $125 for any others who may be admitted. An additional charge of $5 continues to be made for Latin and Greek, French, German or Drawing. Although the cost of provisions has largely advanced since that time, we hope, with the continuation of the prudent management of our Principals, that the increased rates may sustain the School without incurring a debt.

In conclusion, we would reverently and gratefully acknowledge the continued mercies of Him, our gracious Care Taker and Head, who alone can prosper the work of our hands.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Providence, 5th Mo., 10th, 1864.

Note.—Summer term of 1864 closes, 9th Mo. 28th, 1864.
Winter term opens, 11th Mo., 2d, 1864.
Summer term opens, 5th Mo., 3d, 1865.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them."

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings have been attended - on First day mornings by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and on week days they are more neglected. The hour observed Some instances of sleeping. Of other unbecoming behavior clear as far as appears

2d Love & unity, we think, well maintained and detraction mostly guarded against. No differences that have come to our knowledge

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement, when required, according to Discipline

Eighth Month 1864

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 24th 1864.

The representatives from Smithfield Preparative Meeting are James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf from Providence Thomas Harkneſs and Alfred H. Smiley who are present except one

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one who was absent in attendance of a funeral. We have received the following minute from our Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the advancement of prices for board & tuition at the Yearly Meeting School.

We have received the following communication from the Committee appointed to carry out the concern of our Yearly Meeting for alleviating the sufferings and promoting the welfare of those now paſsing from the condition of Slaves to that of freedmen. The subject having thus renewedly claimed our attention we appoint Caleb M. Paine, Daniel Meader, Joseph H. Atwater & Samuel Austin a committee to aid in organizing one or more Societies within our limits for the purpose of receiving contributions, making garments & devising such measures, generally, as may best promote the object in view

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses Funerals & Burialgrounds & Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder; and Gideon C. Smith and Welcome Congdon are appointed to propose at our next meeting the names of Friends to serve as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors & to examine and settle the Treasurer's account

We have united with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate in favor of Philana Estes

Our beloved friend James Dennis an Elder in unity expressed in this meeting that he feels it right for him to accompany our friend Thomas Grover in his proposed attendance of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and in visiting if way should open for it, the meetings of Canada West

The concern of our friend is united with by this meeting and he is liberated to attend to the same as Truth may open the way The Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

The friends named in the 3d Mo. last without minute to consider of a permanent disposition of our burying-ground fund, made the following Report, which is satisfactory and the propositions therein adopted. We accordingly appoint William A. Robinson, the present Treasurer of this meeting & his successors in that station for the time being, Trustee of the burying-ground fund - and have concluded to place in the hands of said trustee, that fund; & our Treasurer is directed to pay over to him, the five hundred dollars being the balance set apart for that object per minute of 3d Mo. last, to be invested by said trustee with the advice & consent of the Overseers of Society for the time being the income to be used exclusively for keeping in proper order the burying ground in this city belonging to this meeting.

The Committee now or hereafter having the care of said ground are authorized to draw from the

FROM OUR

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS,

Held at Lynn, 8mo., 17th, 1864.

To the Monthly Meetings of Friends, of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:—

The great advance in the cost of provisions, and of all expenses incurred in sustaining our Boarding School has at this time claimed our very serious consideration, and it being evident from statements now received, that the expenses of the Institution cannot be met, without raising the price of board and tuition, this Meeting believes it to be its duty, in fulfilling the trust confided to it by the Yearly Meeting, to increase the price for the admission of scholars; and it is therefore concluded that after the expiration of the present term, the price charged for board and tuition shall be as follows, viz.:

For members of this Yearly Meeting, One Hundred Dollars per Term.

For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, One Hundred and Thirty Dollars per Term.

And for any others who may be admitted, One Hundred and Sixty Dollars per Term. The same additional charges for Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

TO THE
MONTHLY MEETINGS
OF FRIENDS
COMPOSING NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

Dear Friends :—

In the accomplishment of the important concern confided to us by our Yearly Meeting, we deem it proper to address you, and to express our feelings of gratitude, for the contributions, which from statements received by our Meeting for Sufferings, it appears have been made by Friends, for that class of our fellow-men, who have escaped from bondage.

The total amount received and forwarded for that purpose, is between $12,000 and $13,000.

We would now encourage you to further exertions on their behalf. By information which is daily received, it appears, that the number of the Freed-men continues to increase ; and their benighted and destitute condition, calls loudly upon the christian philanthropist for aid.

They need education—they need instruction in those habits of industry, and domestic life, which will tend to promote their comfort and usefulness ; but, first of all, they need to be fed and clothed.

Their destitute condition on their arrival from the land of bondage requires immediate attention. It is a most sorrowful reflection, that during the past winter, some of them perished for the want of clothing ; some being without stockings or shoes, had their feet badly frozen, and were crippled for life, and others died of hunger.

They are in want of everything requisite for enjoying the comforts and blessings of freedom, and domestic happiness. With these facts before us, we would appeal to every benevolent heart, with desires that we may all ponder well the responsibility resting upon residents of the free States, who have thus far, comparatively, felt but little of the immediate effects of the dreadful war, now waging in some sections of our beloved country.

Our Government has been very lenient towards us as a Society, and may we now prove to the world, that in refusing to take part in the existing strife, we are influenced by no selfish motives, and that we are willing and ready to bear our part of the public burdens, when it can be done without any violation of conscience.

An opportunity is now presented, for us to honor the Lord with our substance, and with the first fruits of our increase.

Another winter is now near at hand, and no time should be lost that can be improved, in making arrangements for supplying the wants of these sufferers. In order that the most efficient measures may be taken for the purpose of forwarding the good work, we would recommend that prompt and organized efforts be made, wherever it can conveniently be done. We would advise the appointment of committees by monthly meetings, whose duty it should be, to meet with other Friends at stated times, in neighborhoods, for the purpose of receiving contributions—for the cutting out and making up of garments—for repairing such as have been collected that are partly worn, and for devising measures generally for promoting the object we have in view. This would give an impetus to our operations, which could not be imparted in any other way.

Contributions in money are the most desirable, and should a sufficient amount be received, the Committee have in view, the establishment of a Mission at some suitable place, where through an agent of their own, the funds received may be properly and judiciously disbursed.

Ready made clothing is always acceptable, both for men, women and children. A portion of the under garments, should be flannel to meet the wants of the weakly and infirm. It is not necessary that all the clothes for adults should be made up; some of this class prefer to buy the cloth and cut and make it up in their own way.

It is desirable that contributions from those who are not Friends, should be reported separately, that at the end of the year, we may know what proportion of the amount has been received from others.

The supplies obtained west of Boston may be forwarded to Gilbert Congdon, Providence; and those obtained east of Boston, may be forwarded to Nathan Breed, Lynn.

An inventory should be placed in each package of what it contains, and a duplicate inventory with the estimated value thereof, should be forwarded by mail, to the agent to whom the package is sent. Each package should have marked upon it the words, " For the Freed-men," in addition to the other directions.

Contributions received in cash, may be forwarded to Charles F. Coffin, of Lynn, who is appointed our Treasurer.

Sarah F. Tobey, of Providence, and Eunice B. Boyce, of Lynn, are appointed Correspondents; and communications for the Committee may be forwarded either to them, or to Henry T. Wood, of New Bedford, who is our Secretary.

SAMUEL BOYCE,	ELIZA B. BOYCE,
GILBERT CONGDON,	GERTRUDE W. CARTLAND,
HENRY T. WOOD,	ANN B. EARLE,
WILLIAM CHASE,	ANN MARIA COFFIN,
NATHAN BREED,	GULIELMA W. HOWLAND,
EDWARD EARLE,	SARAH T. SAMPSON.

Committee.

SARAH F. TOBEY, EUNICE B. BOYCE.

Correspondents.

CHARLES F. COFFIN.

Treasurer.

Boston, 6 mo., 24th, 1864.

Trustee, the income for the purpose above stated - and the Trustee's account to be examined by the committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's Accounts. and it is the united judgement of this meeting that the remaining balance of Five thousand Dollars derived from the sale of the old burial ground in this city should be held and the income only be used for current expenses of the meeting including the keeping in proper order the burying grounds out of the city belonging to this meeting — Report,

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

The subscribers having been named in the 3d Month last to consider of a permanent disposition of our Buryin Ground Fund — Report We find the Commissioners of the North burying ground within the enclosure of which is the lot belonging to the Monthly Meeting are incorporated by the State for the purpose of receiving funds to be invested by them with the approval of the Board of Aldermen and to use the income for keeping in order such lots &c as may be designated. Which we think is a very good arrangement for family lots which in time, and in many cases very soon fail to receive any attention whatever, without some provision of that kind. While a religious body like ours which we trust will be as permanent as any other association or corporation, we think, might manage funds for the purpose of taking care of our grounds more satisfactorily

We would therefore propose that the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting for the time being, be appointed Trustee of the Burying ground fund, and the funds be placed in his hands to be invested by him with the approval of the Overseers of Society, the income to be used as heretofore directed Providence 8th Mo. 24th 1864

Thomas Harkness
Wm A. Robinson
Samuel Boyd Tobey "

Ninth Mo. 1864. Samuel Austin, Cl

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Frien held 9th Month 28th 1864

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Wm A. Robinson &

Joseph H. Atwater, who are present

The committee appointed at our last meeting, presented the following report which is accepted and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

"The committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to hand in the names of Friends to serve the meeting for the ensuing year present the following

For Clerk	Samuel Austin
Assistant Clerk	Thomas E. Steere
Treasurer	Wm A. Robinson
Auditors	Gideon C. Smith & Jos. C. Peckham
Recorder	Samuel Austin

We have also examined & settled the Treasurer's account and find in his hands

on the General Account	$78.40
on Burying Ground " as Interest	136.68
" Deborah H. Jencks fund	48.03

also in his hands Five Hundred Dollars on interest belonging belonging to the Burying Ground Acct. and Eight Hundred Dollars on interest belonging to the Deborah H. Jencks fund

We also find due the Treasurer on account of the Charitable School Fund Forty One 36/100 Dollars

Gideon C Smith
Providence 9th Mo. 28/64 Welcome Congdon"

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning Albert H. Chase. We appoint Thomas E. Steere & Joseph H. Atwater to extend the necessary care in the case; to report at our next meeting

To Providence Preparative Meeting of Friends
Albert H. Chace has been voluntarily connected with the army of the United States

Wm A. Robinson
Providence 9 Mo. 21st 1864 Jos. Cartland } Overseers
Saml. Austin

Saml. Austin, clerk

Tenth Month 1864

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 26. 1864

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Job Mann and Gideon C. Smith from Providence Daniel Buffinton and Francis A. B. Hussey, who are present

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th, from each of our Preparative Meetings. Of these we have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Austin, Thomas T. Hackney George L. Collins & Gideon C. Smith whom we have appointed our Representatives

The committee in the case of Albert H. Chase made the following report which is accepted; & the womens meeting concurring, we accordingly discontinue him as a member of our religious Society. Samuel Austin is requested to give him this information

"To Providence Monthly Meeting

We have had an interview with Albert H. Chase in relation to the complaint of the Overseers. He justifies his course and expresses no desire longer to be retained in membership with Friends.

We therefore recommend that he be discontinued as a member of our religious Society

Thomas C. Steere } Committee
Providence 10th Mo 26. 1864 Jos. H. Atwater }

In unity with the womens meeting we have accepted a removal certificate from Winneshiek Monthly Meeting of Friends (Iowa Y. Meeting) in favor of Nathan G. and Anna G. Chase and their minor daughter Lydia Maria Chase, - as follows

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Nathan G. Chase and Anna G. his wife members of this meeting having removed with their minor child Lydia Maria & settled within the limits of your meeting, request has been made for our certificate of their right of membership. This is therefore to certify that on due enquiry respecting their conduct and the proper adjustment of their outward affairs, no obstruction appears to the issuing of a Certificate in their behalf; we therefore recommend them to you and remain in love your friends

Signed in and on behalf of Winneshiek Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th Mo. 17th 1864

Elihu Talbert } Clerks
Mary Ann Jones }

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended, - on First day morning by Friends generally; In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour observed & no unbecoming behavior apparent, except some instances of sleeping

2d Love and unity generally maintained and detraction guarded against No differences that have come to our knowledge

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in the spirit contemplated by our Discipline and to place judgements, when required, accordingly.

Eleventh Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo. 23d 1864.

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Caleb M. Paine & James Dennis, from Providence Thomas Harkness & Daniel Buffinton who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Samuel Austin reported that he had informed Albert H. Chace of the conclusion of this meeting in his case.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the friends named as follows

Joseph Metcalf } Overseers of Society
James Dennis }

Gideon C. Smith } Overseers of the Poor
Job S. Mann }

James Dennis	Caretakers of Meetinghouse, Funerals & Burying Ground at Smithfield
Gideon C. Smith	
Caleb M. Paine	

Joseph Metcalf	Like service at Cumberland
Charles Metcalf	
Jacob Metcalf	

Daniel Meader	Reporters of Births & Death to the Recorder
Jacob Metcalf	

And Providence Preparative Meeting propose the following

William A. Robinson	Overseers of Society
Samuel Austin	

Welcome Congdon	Overseers of the Poor
Joseph C. Peckham	

Welcome Congdon	Caretakers of Meetinghouses, Burial grounds & Funerals at Providence & Scituate
William A. Robinson	
Joseph C. Peckham	
Joseph Cartland	
Joseph H. Atwater	
Benjamin Buffum	
Gilbert Congdon	
George L. Collins	

Daniel Buffinton	Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder
John Joseph Meader	

who being approved they are accordingly appointed to the several services designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Our friend James Dennis returned at this time the minute granted him in the 8th Mo. last with the information that he had been favored to attend satisfactorily to the service he had then in view. He also produced copies of minutes from Ohio Yearly Meeting & the Quarterly Meeting of Pelham Canada West informing that he acceptably attended the same. All of which is satisfactory to us.

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1864.

At Providence Monthly Meeting held 12th Mo. 28th 1864.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase & James Dennis; from Providence Welcome A. Greene & Thomas Chace; - who are present

The London General Epistle for 1863 has been read at this time and we have had occasion to acknowledge the excellence of its doctrine & counsel

We have received and read a Report made by a Sub committee to the Executive Committee of our Yearly Meeting on the condition & wants of the freed people of color in Washington and Virginia; which is interesting to us & we have appointed our friend Welcome Congdon to receive such contributions as friends may make to be expended in alleviating the wants of these people under the direction of said Executive Committee

Samuel Austin, clk

First Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Mo. 25th, 1865.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf & Gideon C. Smith from Providence Joseph H. Atwater & Alfred H. Smiley who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings of which we have adopted the Subjoined Summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, James Dennis, Wm A. Robinson and Joseph Metcalf, whom we appoint to attend as Representatives

We appoint Welcome Congdon, Joseph H. Atwater, Thomas E. Steere to provide for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting and report next month

Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister of the Gospel & with her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us - & the clerk is directed to sign a minute to this effect on our behalf

Samuel Austin, clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended, by Friends generally on first day mornings - others more neglected by some of our members. The hour observed; and but little unbecoming behavior apparent except instances of sleeping

2d. Love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in conformity with the query, and to place judgement, when required, according to Discipline.

Second Month 1865

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d Mo. 22d 1865. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield James Dennis & Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Jonathan D. Slocum & Samuel Austin, who are present except one

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, report that they attended to that duty, incurring an expense of twenty seven & 25/100 Dollars ($27 25/100). The clerk is directed to certify the acceptance of their report.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise ($500) Five Hundred Dollars for the use of this and the Quarterly Meeting & pay the same to our Treasurer, viz

"At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2d Mo. 2d. 1865

"It was concluded to raise Seven Hundred Dollars ($700) and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward this amount to our Treasurer

The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars ($350). 50 per cent

By direction of the meeting
Gilbert Congdon, clerk"

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Third Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d Mo. 29th 1865

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith & Nathan G. Chase from Providence Alfred H. Smiley & Thomas Harkness who are present

Our beloved friend Edward Gove attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and in his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Samuel Austin, clerk

Fourth Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo 26th 1865.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield ~~Gid~~Caleb M. Paine and James Dennis; from Providence Welcome A. Greene and Thomas E. Steere, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness, James Dennis & Joseph Cartland whom we appoint our Representatives

Our Preparative Meetings report that they have forwarded the amount called for & our Treasurer informs that he has paid to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer our quota of stock called for in 11th mo. last.

Our beloved Friend Gilbert Congdon, a minister of the Gospel in fellowship & unity with us, expreſsed in this meeting a concern to make a religious visit to the principal settlements of the Freedmen & to some of the Government Hospitals within the District of Columbia and Virginia; to visit the meetings constituting Baltimore Yearly Meeting and to attend to such other service within the limits of the same as may devolve upon him in the discharge of his religious duty. His prospect having engaged the consideration of this meeting is united with, and he is left at liberty to pursue it under the guidance of the Great Head of the Church.

Samuel Austin - Clerk

Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings have been attended, on First-day by Friends generally; midweek meetings & those for discipline more neglected. The hour observed. No unbecoming behavior apparent, except instances of sleeping

2d Love and unity, we believe well maintained & detraction guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

3d Friends endeavor to bring up those under their direction in plainneſs, to restrain from pernicious reading & from corrupt conversation; mostly good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

4th Careful to avoid the unneceſsary use of spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns & places of public resort. Moderation observed in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their neceſsities relieved. Their children partake of learning to fit them for busineſs. None placed out

6th Parents & heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our discipline

440, 7th. We endeavor to maintain our testimony against war & a paid ministry. Clear as far as is known in other respects

8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises and just in the payments of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9 Recording is attended to. Two or three removals without certificates. Some care taken

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement when required, according to discipline.

Fifth Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Month 24th 1865.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Nathan G. Chace and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Daniel Buffinton and George J. Adams who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

Samuel Austin, clerk

Sixth Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 28th 1865

The Representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Metcalf from Providence Welcome A. Greene & Geo. J. Adams who are present.

We have received and read at this time the Annual Report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School; which is interesting to us.

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbot attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute granted her by Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with her as a minister and in her present engagement. 5

mpany and religious services have been acceptable

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1865.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three pupils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz.: eighty-one males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey E. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended, Thirty-one hundred and twenty-five dollars, ($3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn, in the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of the decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the rates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term as follows:—For members of this Yearly Meeting, $100 per term; For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $130 per term; and for any others who may be admitted, $160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the price was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the earliest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely changes as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after further developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

Note.—Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.
Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865,
Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.
Summer term for 1866, opens, 5th Mo. 2d.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others, visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

to us.

Our beloved friend Mary M. Miller attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting (Iowa) of 5th Mo. 6th 1865 expressive of their unity with her as a minister and in her present engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Ruth Binns attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Short Creek Monthly Meeting of 5th Mo. 22d 1865 expressive of unity with her as an elder and in her present religious engagement as companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot. Her company has been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend John N. Miller accompanying his wife Mary M. Miller has attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting expressing their unity with him in this religious engagement

His company has been acceptable to us

The clerk is directed to furnish the friends now with us from abroad with copies of the minutes made on their several accounts.

Samuel Austin, clerk

Seventh Month 1865

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends h
7th Mo. 26 1865

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and Caleb M. Paine from Providence John Peaslee and Welcome A. Greene, who are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st. 2d and 10th, We have adopted the following summary which we forward to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith and Samuel Boyd Tober whom we appoint our Representatives

Our beloved friend Moses H. Bede, a minister in unity, expressed in this meeting a concern which he had for some months felt in the love of the Gospel to visit friends and some others in sever[illegible] places in different parts of New England and especially in the three eastern quarters of ~~New England~~ this Yearly Meeting. The subject claimed our deliberate attention and, with our unity & sympathy he has been liberated and encouraged to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way.

We appoint Wm. A. Robinson and Gideon C. Smith a committee to confer with our friend Moses H. Beede in reference to the accomplishment of his proposed service

We have received the following communication viz "To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear friends

With Divine permission and your approbation we intend marriage with each other

Wm. H. S. Wood

Providence 7th Mo. 28. 1865 Emma Congdon."

As Wm. H. S. Wood is a member of another monthly meeting its further consideration is referred to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend, Huldah M. Beede a minister in unity expressed in this meeting a concern to accompany her husband Moses H. Beede in his proposed religious visit to several parts of this Yearly Meeting as expressed in a certificate granted him at this meeting

Her concern is united with and she is encouraged to pursue it as Truth may direct. The clerk is authorized to sign a minute to this effect on our behalf.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader, a minister in unity, expressed in this meeting a concern which she hath some time felt, to visit, in Gospel love the meetings constituting Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting and to appoint some meetings among those not in membership with Friends. Her prospect having claimed our attention is united with by this meeting and she is left at liberty to pursue it as truth may open the way

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute to this effect prepared in the women's meeting

Samuel Austin, Clerk

Answers to the Queries 1865. 8mo. 26th

1st All our meetings have been attended; on First days by friends generally; those in the middle of the week and for Discipline more neglected The hour is observed. Some instances of sleeping No other unbecoming behavior apparent

2d We believe love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No difference has come to our knowledge

10th. We believe care is exercised to maintain the spirit and the order contemplated by this query

Eighth Month 1865

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo. 30th 1865.

The representatives are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Job Mann & Joseph Metcalf, from Providence Preparative Meeting Jonathan L. Slocum & Welcome A. Greene who are present

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended

We have received by them a number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1864 for the use of our members. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses & Funeral & Burial Grounds & Reporters of Births & Deaths to the Recorder. We appoint Thomas [illegible] & James Dennis to propose the names of friends to serve as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder & Auditors, they also are requested to examine & Settle the Treasurer's account

We have received the following minute of the Boarding school Committee relative to the reduction of price of board & tuition at our Yearly Meeting School.

We have received the following certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in New York, and the subjoined paper from the parents of our friend William H. S. Wood in relation to the accomplishment of his marriage with a member of our meeting

At the request of the parties a meeting is appointed at the house of our friend Gilbert Congdon to be held on 3d day the 5th of 9th month next at 12 o'clock for the accomplishment of their marriage; and they are left at liberty to proceed therein according to the order of our religious society. We appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey and Joseph Cartland to attend the marriage and present the certificate for record & report at our next meeting

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends

William H. S. Wood having requested our certificate on account of marriage addressed to your Monthly Meeting, we hereby certify that he is a member of our religious society, and upon inquiry appears clear of marriage engagements among us. We recommend him to your christian care and regard and remain your friends

Taken from the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Friends held in New York 2d of 8th Month 1865

Robert Lindley Murray, Clerk
Wm Cromwell, Correspondent"

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
We consent to the marriage of our son William H. S. Wood with Emma Congdon.

Wm. Wood
New York 8mo. 21,/65 Mary S. Wood

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from R. Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Rebecca S. Mitchell

We unite with the women's meeting in accepting a removal certificate from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in favor of Eliza A. Gardner wife of Daniel Gardner

Samuel Austin, clerk

Ninth Month 1865.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9m. 27th 1865

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Nathan G. Chace & Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Joseph H. Stivater and Daniel Buffinton who are present

The Committee to propose friends to serve as Clerks, Treasurer, Auditors & Recorder not being ready to report are continued to report

The Committee to attend the marriage of Wm H. S. Wood and Emma Congdon report that they attended the same that it was conducted in an orderly manner & in accordance with our Discipline.

We have read at this time the London General Epistle for 1864, which is very acceptable to us. We have also read a truly sympathizing and acceptable epistle from the London Yearly Meeting of 1865 addressed to Friends in North America. Five hundred copies of a reprint of the same, received through our Meeting for Sufferings are received for distribution among our members

We appoint Saml. Austin & Thomas E. Steere to unite with a committee of the women's meeting, in preparing if way open for it a removal certificate to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Elizabeth A. Chase and her minor son Lindley M. Chase

Samuel Austin, clerk

Tenth Month 1865

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th Mo. 25th 1865.

The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield — Nathan G Chase and Gideon C. Smith — from Providence Welcome Congdon and Alfred H. Smiley who are present except Alfred H. Smiley necessarily absent from home.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks Treasurer, Auditors and recorder and to settle the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, which is approved and the friends therein named are appointed to the services designated, for the ensuing year, or until another appointment viz; To Providence Monthly Meeting;

Agreeably to appointment, we propose the following named friends for the services designated; Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk Thomas E. Steere, Assistant Clerk

over

William A. Robinson, Treasurer, Samuel Austin Recorder and Gideon C. Smith and Joseph C. Peckham, Auditors. We have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts and find the following Balances — One hundred and Seventy eight and 35/100 ($178.35) dollars on the Monthly Meeting Account. — Seventy five and 79/100 ($75.79) dollars on the Burying Ground Fund, and Seventeen and 62/100 ($17.62) dollars on the Deborah H. Jencks Fund in the hands of the Treasurer, — and Twenty five and 34/100 ($25.34) Dollars due the Treasurer on the Charitable School Fund
Providence 10th Mo. 24th 1865 Thomas Harkness } Com.
James Dennis }

The Queries have been read at this time and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by our Preparative Meetings, and the following Summary adopted which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends, William A. Robinson, Thomas Harkness and Gideon C. Smith, whom we appoint Representatives

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our Meetings have been attended Those held in the afternoon of First days and in the middle of the Week, much neglected by some of our members. — The hour observed; except instances of sleeping no unbecoming behavior apparent

2nd We believe Love and Unity are maintained, and Detraction guarded against No Differences amongst us that we know of.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in manner as queried after, and to place Judgment when it appears necessary according to Discipline.

The Committee appointed last month to prepare if way should open for it a Removal Certificate in favor of Elizabeth A. Chase and her min. Son Lindley M. Chase, inform they are not ready to report – they are continued and desired to report next month.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the Certificate granted her in the 7 mo. last, and informed this Meeting that she had been enabled to accomplish the service she then had in prospect to the relief and peace of her mind. She also presented copies of minutes from Peru and Ferresburg Monthly Meetings held 8th mo. 24 and 8th Mo 30th 1865, stating that her company and gospel labors had been satisfactory and encouraging to them; – which information is satisfactory to us.

We have accepted the following removal Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Charles G. Beede, the Womens Meeting uniting therein. Viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends – Charles G. Beede, having removed within the limits of your Meeting; This is to certify that he is a member of this Meeting, and that his affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends.

Signed on behalf of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R.I.
6 month 29th 1865 Joseph E. Macomber }
Cynthia Bowen } Clerks

David Buffum, Correspondent.

Eleventh Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11 Mo. 29th 1865. The representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield – James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf, – from Providence – George C. Collins and Samuel Austin, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the following friends as Officers of this Meeting viz:

Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis	Overseers of Society
Gideon C. Smith and Caleb W. Paine	Overseers of the Poor
James Dennis Gideon C. Smith and Caleb W. Paine	Caretakers of Meeting House, Burial Ground and Funerals at Smithfield
Joseph Metcalf Nathan G. Chase and Charles Metcalf	Same service at Cumberland
Daniel Meader and Caleb W. Paine	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

And Providence Preparative Meeting proposes the following viz:

William A. Robinson and Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society
Welcome Congdon and Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor
Welcome Congdon William A. Robinson Joseph C. Peckham Joseph Cartland and Joseph H. Atwater	Caretakers of Meeting Houses Burying Grounds and Funerals at Providence and Scituate
Daniel Buffinton and Francis H. Perry	Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder

which nominations being satisfactory, they are appointed to the offices designated, for the ensuing year or until an other appointment.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following Minute viz: At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo 2 1865. The subject of changing the place of holding this Meeting in the 11 Mo from Somerset to Fall River again claiming our attention, it is our conclusion to bring the question before such of our Meetings and they are requested to report the views of Friends in relation thereto to our next meeting. — From the minutes of the Meeting, Saml. Boyd Tobey Clk for da

Anna T. Dennis, Clerk for the day
To Providence Monthly Meeting.
— the consideration of which is referred to our next meeting

We have also received the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting in relation to stock. Our treasurer not being prepared at this time to name a sum to be raised for that purpose and for the use of this meeting, the subject is referred to our next Meeting;
At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11 mo 2nd 1865. — It is concluded to raise Seventeen hundred ($1700) Dollars, for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Eight hundred and fifty ($850) Dollars — 50 per cent.
From the Minutes of the Meeting
Saml. Boyd Tobey, Clerk for the day

The Committee appointed for that purpose produced the following essay of a removal certificate in favor of Elizabeth A. Chase and her minor son Lindley M. Chase, which being satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward it to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.
To Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Dear Friends — Elizabeth A. Chase, having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting, this may certify that she is a member of this meeting and upon inquiry her outward affairs appear to be settled to satisfaction; We recommend her with her minor son Lindley M. to your Christian ~~care~~ oversight and are your friends.

We have united with the Womens Meeting in accepting a removal Certificate from New York Monthly Meeting in favor of Mary Emmett Cornell.

Twelfth Month 1865

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 Mo. 27th 1865. — The Representatives to this Meeting are — from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Metcalf — from Providence, William A. Robinson and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

Our beloved friend Joseph D. Hoag attended this meeting and presented a Certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Iowa, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The subject of changing the ~~time~~ place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th Month having been by that meeting referred to the Monthly Meetings to obtain the views of Friends concerning it, it is the conclusion of this Meeting that the accommodation of our members will be promoted by the suggested change.

To meet the call of the Quarterly Meeting for Stock, and for the use of this meeting it is concluded to raise Nine Hundred (900) Dollars and our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise and pay the same to our Treasurer.

We have received the following communication through Providence Preparative Meeting concerning John J. Meader viz:
John Joseph Meder has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our Religious Society, which we offer as business {Wm A. Robinson / Saml. Austin} Overseers
We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Thomas Hackness to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Relief of the Freed Men having in their recent Report, made an appeal for contributions to further the object, we appoint Joseph H. Atwater and Caleb M. Paine to collect what Friends may feel at liberty to give for this work; and they are desired to pay the same to our Treasurer, and report to a future meeting.

First Month 1866

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Month 24th 1866. The Representatives to this Meeting are, from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and Caleb M. Paine – from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Thomas E. Steere, who are present except one – absent on account of sickness

The Queries have been read at this time and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by our Preparative Meetings, from which we have adopted the following summary as descriptive of our state; and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon, and William A. Robinson whom we appoint our representatives

Answers to the Queries

1st All our Meetings have been attended. On the mornings of First days by our members generally. Those held on the afternoon of that day and on the middle of the week are more neglected. The hour observed, and no unbecoming behaviour apparent, except some instances of sleeping

2nd Love and Unity maintained; Detraction mostly guarded against; no Differences have appeared.

10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after and to place Judgment when required according to discipline.

We appoint Welcome Congdon and Joseph H. Atwater, to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, and they requested to report the expense to this Meeting next Month.

The Committee in the case of John J. Meader made the following report, viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
The Committee appointed to visit John Joseph Meader, on account of a communication from the Overseers, report; that they have had a satisfactory interview with him; - he manifested a strong attachment to Friends and their principles and it is our judgment that it may be best to continue him a member of our Religious Society which we submit to the Meeting

Providence 1 Mo 24 1866 Gideon C. Smith
Thomas Harkness } Committee

and in accordance therewith he is continued a member of our Religious Society ~~and~~ the Womens Meeting uniting herein; and Thomas Harkness is appointed to inform him of our conclusion

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting Meeting the following communication concerning Joshua Buffum, viz:

Joshua Buffum has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our Religious Society which we offer as business

William A. Robinson
Providence 1 Mo 18 1866 Samuel Austin } Overseers

We appoint Joseph Cartland, William A. Robinson and Thomas E. Steere to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting

Second Month. 1866.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2d. Mo. 21st 1866. — The clerk being absent, Thomas E. Steere was appointed clerk for the day. The Representatives to this meeting are - from Smithfield, Nathan G. Chace, and James Dennis — from Providence George James Adams, and Albert K. Smiley who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting all reported that they attended.

The Committee to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, made the following report, which is accepted; and the clerk is directed to certify the same - viz—"

The committee appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, have attended to the same, and the expense is Twenty Two Dollars and Sixty-one cents. - $22.61 -

For the committee
Welcome Congdon.
To Prov. Monthly Meeting."

Thomas Harkness informs that he has notified John Joseph Meader of the conclusion of the Meeting in his case.

The committee in the case of Joshua Buffum made the following report. - viz -

"A part of the committee to visit Joshua Buffum on account of his marriage with a person not a member of our religious Society, have had an interview with him. He received us kindly, but expressed no wish to retain his right, and in our judgement further labor will not be necessary. We recommend a minutes being made discontinuing his membership in our society.

Prov. R. I. 2d. Mo. 21st 1866.
William A. Robinson
Joseph Cartland.
Thomas E. Steere. } Com."

which is accepted, and we accordingly discontinue him as a member of our religious Society, the Womens' Meeting uniting therein and Thomas E. Steere is requested to inform him of our decision, and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

We are informed that our Preparative Meeting have paid to Wm. A. Robinson our Treasurer, their respective proportions of the sum directed to be raised, and he is requested to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars — $850. — the amount called for by that Meeting in the Eleventh month last.

The committee appointed in the 12th. Mo. last to solicit funds in aid of the Freedmen, made the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting, — viz —

"Your Committee appointed to solicit funds for the Freedmen, report the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars — $\$1253\frac{50}{100}$ — subscribed and paid to William A. Robinson Treasurer, including Four Hundred Dollars subscribed before our appointment but not previously reported.

Joseph H. Atwater } Com.
Caleb M. Paine. }

Prov. 2d mo. 21st. 1866.

Thos. E. Steere
Clerk for the day

Third Month 1866

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3 month 28th 1866. The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield, — Nathan G. Chase and Caleb M. Paine from Providence — Thomas Hacknup and Thomas Chase who are present.

Thomas E. Steere reported that he had informed Joshua Buffum of the decision of this meeting in his case

We have united with the Women's Meeting in receiving into membership, Charlotte D. Holmes wife of Joseph Holmes.

We have accepted from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Elias D. Bede and his wife Mary Ann Bede, the Womens Meeting uniting therein. viz;

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends — Elias D. Bedee and his wife Mary Ann, having removed within your limits, This is to certify that they are members of this meeting, and that their outward concerns are settled. We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends

Signed on behalf of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth, R.I. 2 mo 22nd 1866

Isaac Hathaway Clk for the day
Cynthia Bowen, Clerk

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning James Dennis, jr. viz;

— informing that he has married out of the order of our religious society —

We appoint Caleb M. Paine and Joseph H Atwater to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting —

Jonª. L. Slocum, Clerk.

Fourth Month 1866

At Providence Monthly of Friends held 4th mo. 25th 1866. The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield - Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith from Providence - Alfred H. Smiley and Welcome A. Greene, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was aſsigned.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from the Preparative Meetings, from which the following summary has been adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Boyd Tobey and Thomas E. Steere whom we appoint our representatives.

The Committee appointed last Month in the case of James Dennis, Jr. made the following report viz: "To Providence Monthly Meeting
The Committee appointed on account of the communication to the Monthly Meeting from Smithfield Preparative Meeting respecting James Dennis Jr. report that they have visited him, - he expressed his attachment to the Society of Friends and also his desire to retain his right of Membership in it, if in accordance with the feelings of Friends; which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

Caleb M. Paine
Joseph H. Atwater } Com.

Providence 4 Mo 25th 1866

which is accepted, and with the unity of the Womens Meeting, we conclude to continue him in membership, and Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of our decision

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a Removal Certificate, prepared in the Womens Meeting, to New York Monthly Meeting in favor of Emma C. Wood wife of William H. S. Wood.

YEARLY MEETING,

SIXTH MONTH, 1866.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,—The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz.: sixty-seven males and forty-three females; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty-four, viz.: ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been, Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amey E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the schools. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R. I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: 'We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report from the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain.'

By the report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the prices of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: 'For members of our Yearly Meeting, $65 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $100 per term, and for any others who many be admitted, $150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.'

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration. This arrangement continues the school in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practicable, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the school at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26h of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty-two weeks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the re-opening after the recess, viz.: For members of our Yearly Meeting, $96; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $150; and for any others who may be admitted, $240. An additional charge of $10 for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund,' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation,' should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 8th, 1866."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1866

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Month 30th 1866. The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield, James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf — from Providence, Francis A. B. Hussey and Thomas Chace, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended, except one; and for his non-attendance a satisfactory reason was given.

Gideon C. Smith reports, that he has given James Dennis Jr. the required information in his case.

Jonª. D. Slocum, Clerk

Sixth Month 1866

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo. 27 1866. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield - Nathan G. Chase and Job Mann; from Providence - William A. Robenson and Jos. H. Atwater who are present

We have received at this time 2 Copies of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School; one of which has been read, and is interesting to us. We have also received 150 Copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting and 150 Copies of the London General Epistle for 1865.

Seventh Month 1866.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th Mo. 25th 1866.

In the absence of the clerk Saml. Austin is appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Caleb M. Paine and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, [illegible] A. Greene and Samuel Austin; who are present

Our beloved friend David H. Bennet attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from Butternuts Monthly Meeting endorsed by Butternuts Quarterly Meeting N.Y. held 5mo 17/66 expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Jesse T. Hartley attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Gilead Monthly Meeting endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting Logan Co. Ohio, 5mo 5/66 expressing unity with him as a minister & with his present engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Benjamin Fulghum attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from White Water Monthly Meeting, Ind. endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting held 3d Mo. 3d 1866. expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagement His company & religious services have been acceptable to us

The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 1st. 2d & 10th from each of our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the subjoined summary answers which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas [illegible], Samuel Austin &

Caleb M. Paine whom we appoint our Representati

Our friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the certificate granted him 4th Mo. 26th. 1865. He also presented copies of minutes furnished him by Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting held at Bellefonte 6th Mo. 1st 1865, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of 10 mo. 65, Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting held at Richmond Va. 5th Mo. 16th. 1866, Virginia Half Years meeting held at Black Creek 5th Mo. 21st. 1865, furnishing evidence that his company & religious services have been acceptable.

These with the information which he has given us, — and especially that the retrospect of the service affords him peace — are satisfactory to us.

We have, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, accepted the following removal certificate in favor of Calvin Knowles & his wife Urania:

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th. Mo. 28. 1866.

To Providence Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

Calvin Knowles and Urania his wife, having removed within the limits of your meeting, request our certificate.

We certify, on their behalf, that they are members of our Society, diligent attendants of meetings when in health, orderly in life and conversation and have settled their outward affairs to our satisfaction, and as such we recommend them to your christian care; and are your friends

Signed by direction of the meeting

Isaac Steere
Correspondent

Albert G. Payson clerks
Mary B. Read clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings have been attended on Fir- day mornings by our members, generally. Tho held at other times more neglected.
The hour observed; & with the exception of some instances of sleeping no unbecoming behavior apparent.

Answers - 7th Mo. 1866

2d. We believe love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgement when necessary, according to discipline

Samuel Austin, clerk for the day

Eighth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 29th 1866. The representatives to this meeting are – from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith, – from Providence, Welcome A. Greene and Alfred H. Smiley; who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended.

We have accepted the following removal certificates in favor of Thomas B. Mitchell, his wife Anna Mitchell and their minor child William Penn Mitchell, the Womens meeting uniting therein. viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Dear Friends – Thomas B. Mitchell, having removed within the limits of your Meeting requests our certificate; This may inform, that he is a member of this meeting is frequent in the attendance of our Meetings and has settled his outward affairs to satisfaction. – Signed by direction of Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 5 Month 28 1866

Samuel Gifford
Laura D. Chase } Clerks
Joseph Estes, Correspondent.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends – Anna, wife of Thomas B. Mitchell, having removed to live with her husband, within your limits, requests our certificate for herself and infant child William Penn Mitchell – We certify on their behalf that

they are members of our religious society. Anna was frequent in the attendance of meetings when with us, and her outward affairs are satisfactory. We recommend them to your Christian care and regard and are your friends, - Signed on behalf of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month 25th. 1866.

Isaac K. Potter
Geo. Almy, Correspondent. Maria B. Smith } Clerks

We appoint Samuel Austin, James Dennis and Thomas Harkness, a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and to propose names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerks Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate friends to serve this Meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds and Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Jona. S. Slocum, Clerk

Ninth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 month 26th 1866. The Representatives to this Meeting are - from Smithfield, James Dennis and Caleb M. Paine - from Providence, Nelson Aborn and William A. Robinson, who are present.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and to nominate Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks, Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors made the following report; which is accepted and the persons named are appointed to the Offices designated for the ensuing year or until an other appointment viz:

To the Monthly Meeting.
Agreeably to appointment, we have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find the following balances. Thirty five and 34/100 Dollars on the Monthly Meeting account; and Eighteen and 66/100 Dollars on the income of the Bury-

over.

-ing Ground Fund due the Treasurer: and on the Charitable School Fund, Forty four and 66/100 Dollars and Sixty Five and 62/100 Dolls on the income of the Deborah Jencks Donation in the hands of the Treasurer. — We are united in proposing the following named Friends for the Services designated — Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk — Thomas E. Steere Assistant Clerk. Samuel Austin Recorder William A. Robinson Treas^{r}. and Gideon C. Smith and Joseph C. Peckham Auditors.

James Dennis for the Com^{tee}

Providence 9 Mo. 22nd 1866.

John H. Hall and Anna T. Hall having requested a removal Certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting for themselves and their minor Children, Arthur D. Amey P. and Mahlon T. Hall, we appoint Francis A. B. Hussey and Thomas E. Steere to unite with such as the Women's Meeting may appoint, make the necessary inquiry, and, if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon informed this meeting, that in consequence of the reduced state of his health, he proposes to spend some months on the Continent of Europe and in Great Britain: We appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey and Joseph Cartland to prepare a suitable minute on his account and present it to our next meeting.

We are informed by the Overseers that Robert P. Hacknup has connected himself in marriage with a person not in membership with us. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Thomas E. Steere to visit him on the account, and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Tenth Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10 Mo. 24th 1866. The representatives to this meeting are, — from Smithfield, Nathan G. Chace & Gideon C. Smith, — from Providence Joseph Cartland and and Thomas E. Steere who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting and the 1st. 2d. and 10th answered by the Preparative Meetin from which we have adopted the following summary, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness James Dennis & Wm. A. Robinson whom we appoint our representatives

Answers to the Queries.

1st. All our meetings have been attended; those on First day Mornings by Friends generally, those held at other times more neglected. The hour is observed. Except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior appears.

2d. Love and Unity we believe are maintained, and detraction guarded against. No differences have appea

10th. Friends are in good measure careful to deal with offenders as queried after; and to place judgement when required, according to discipline.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a suitable minute for our friend Gilbert Congdon presented the following, which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf. i.e.

To all whom these may come.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon informed us that he proposed to pass a few months on the Continent of Europe and in Great Britain and Ireland for the purpose of renovating his health.

We deem it proper to certify on his behalf that he is a member of the religious society of Friends and of this Monthly Meeting, and a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with whom we have good fellowship and unity.

We affectionately commend him to the christian attention of those with whom he may be associated, earnestly desiring that the blessing he seeks may be mercifully grante to him and that he may return to us in safety and in peace.

Signed by the direction and on behalf of Providen

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, United States of America the 24th. of Tenth month 1866.

The Committee in the case of Robert P. Harkness made the following report which is accepted and we accordingly continue him a member, and Wm. A. Robinson is appointed to inform him of our decision.

To the Monthly Meeting,

Agreeably to appointment we have had an interview with Robert P. Harkness on account of the communication of the Overseers. He manifested an interest in the Society an expressed a desire to be continued a member; and it is our judgment that it will be best to retain him, which we submit to the Meeting.

Gideon C. Smith }
Thomas E. Steere } Com.

Providence 10 Mo. 24. 1866.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in receiving into membership Abby E. King.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in discontinuing Sarah, Maria, and Catherine Lawton as members of our religious Society.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting proposes the following named friends as officers of Society and Providence Preparative Meeting the following, which are approved, and they are appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment viz-

Smithfield.	Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis.	Overseers of Society,
	Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine	Overseers of the Poor.
	James Dennis Gideon C. Smith and Caleb M. Paine	Caretakers of Meeting House Burial Ground and Funerals at Smithfield.
	Joseph Metcalf Nathan G. Chace and Charles Metcalf	For same service at Cumberland.
	Daniel Meader	Reporter of Deaths & Births to the Recorder
Providence.	Wm. A. Robinson and Samuel Austin	Overseers of Society,
	Welcome Congdon and Joseph C. Peckham	Overseers of the Poor.

Wm. A. Robinson.
Welcome Congdon.
Joseph Cartland.
Joseph C. Peckham.
and Joseph H. Atwater. } Caretakers of Meeting Houses. Burying Grounds and Funerals at Prov. and Scituate.
Daniel Buffington.
and Francis H. Perry } Reporters of Births and deaths to the Recorder.

Samuel H. Congdon having requested a removal certificate to Baltimore Monthly Meeting, we appoint Samuel Austin and Thomas E. Steere to make the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appears prepare one on his behalf and present it to our next meeting.

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we have approved and directed to be forwarded the following removal certificate in favor of John Hacker Hall & Family,

"To Salem Monthly Meeting
of Friends.

Dear Friends,

John Hacker Hall having removed with his family to reside within the limits of your Meeting, requests our certificate for himself, his Wife Anna F. and their three minor children Arthur D. Amey P. and Mahlon F. Hall.

This may certify that they are members of and while with us were frequent attendants thereof; and no obstruction appearing, we recommend them to your christian care; and are your Friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends. held 10th Mo. 24th. 1866.

Jona. L. Slocum
[illegible] } Clerks."

We have received the following communication from the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which claimed our solid consideration and we are united in acknowledging the Gift, and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Sarah K. Reynolds.

S. Cong. Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, United States of America; the 24th. of Tenth Month 1866.

Eleventh Month.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th. Month 28th. 1866. The Clerk being absent Tho. E. Steere is appointed clerk for the day. The Representatives to this Meeting are:- from Smithfield James Dennis, and Joseph Metcalf. from Providence Geo. L. Collins, and Tho. E. Steere, who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

Wm. A. Robinson reports that he has informed Robert P. Harkness of the decision of the meeting in his case.

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal certificate for Samuel H. Congdon, presented the following, which is approved, and directed to be forwarded to Baltimore Monthly Meeting. the Womens Meeting concurring therein — "To Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends.

Samuel Hopkins Congdon a member of this meeting, having removed to reside within the compass of yours; we would certify that, while with us, he usually attended our religious meetings, and that upon inquiry it appears that his pecuniary affairs are settled, and that he is clear of marriage engagements.

We recommend him to your Christian care and oversight and are your friends.

Signed in behalf of Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th. Mo. 28th. 1866."

Our Treasurer informs that a loan of five thousand dollars, due this Meeting, has been paid, which sum he, with the advice of Tho. Harkness, is authorized to reinvest.

Thomas T. Steere
Clerk for the day.

Twelfth Month 1866

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 Month 26th 1866. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are - from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and James Dennis - from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Joseph Cartland, who are present.

We have received from the Quarterly Meeting the following minute; by which it appears that Four Hundred Dollars are wanted for the use of that meeting. Our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise Seven Hundred Dollars for that purpose and for this Meetings' use and to pay the same to our Treasurer

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 11 Mo. 1866
It is concluded to raise Eight Hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting, which the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to Welcome Congdon our Treasurer. The Quota of Providence Monthly Meeting is Four Hundred Dollars 50 per cent.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk"

Our last Yearly Meeting having recommended that Seven Thousand Dollars be raised by the Quarterly Meetings to promote the concern of that Meeting for the relief and improvement of the Freed Colored People, and the Quarterly Meeting having called our attention to the subject; we appoint Caleb M. Paine and Joseph M. Atwater to present the matter to Friends of this meeting and receive from them such sums as they in their freedom may give, and they are desired to pay the same to the Treasurer of Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Jonª. L. Slocum, Clerk

First Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st Month 30th 1867. —— The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are - from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and Gideon C. Smith - from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Welcome Congdon who are present.

Our beloved friend Robert W. Douglass attended this meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement - his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish with a copy of this minute

The Queries have all been read at this time and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith and Nathan G. Chase whom we appoint our representatives.

We appoint Welcome Congdon to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, and he is desired to report the expense to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our Meetings have been attended - On the mornings of First-days by our members generally - In the afternoon and in the middle of the week they are more neglected - the hour observed and with the exception of some cases of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent.

2nd —— Love and Unity are in good degree maintained, and Detraction guarded against - No Differences have come to our knowledge.

10th —— We believe Friends are careful in good measure to deal with offenders as grieved after and to place judgement, when necessary according to Discipline —

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Second Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2nd Mo. 27th 1867. The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C. Smith — from Providence, Thomas Harkness and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended

Welcome Congdon, appointed last month to provide for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reports the expense to have been $14.00 which report is acceptable to this meeting and the Clerk is directed to certify the same to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

We have received at this time through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication; — Whereupon we appoint Thomas Harkness, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Cartland, Joseph Metcalf, Gideon C. Smith, James Dennis and Wm. A. Robinson, to take the subject into their solid consideration, and they are desired to report their judgment in the case when ready to do so. viz:

Central Falls 2nd Month 14th 1867

To Smithfield Preparative and Providence Monthly Meeting — Dear Friends — The following request from a number of Members of the Society of Friends, who reside in and near Central Falls is submitted to the serious deliberation of Friends, with the hope that they may accede to the Proposition. We have long considered it a privation not to have a meeting in or near this place, as the distance to Smithfield renders it exposing, expensive and often impossible for many of us to attend; and the mode of conveyance to Providence very fatiguing and frequently uncertain on First-days: and we feel the necessity of having a meeting here. We have at different times expressed our interest and wishes fully and freely on the subject, and much unity and good feeling have been manifested in favor of it and we are inclined to believe much good will be the result -- Will Friends give the subject its full weight and consideration.

Thomas B. Mitchell
Elias D. Beede
Timothy Earle
J. H. Chace
Mary A. Beede
Rebecca G. Mitchell

Annie Mitchell
Phebe M. Earle
Lucretia G. Chace
Elizabeth H Paine
Mary E. Paine
Dorcas Paine
Ruth Sisson

For a few years past having often felt the necessity that has prompted the foregoing request, as well as having seen the obvious loss as respects members in our Meeting growing out of the same cause, and which by the late removal from amongst us may be much increased, we therefore freely add our names to those above written.

Moses H. Beede
Huldah M. Beede

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have paid to our Treasurer 280 dollars and we are informed that Providence Prepative Meeting have paid to our Treasurer 420 dollars, the amounts respectively called for by this meeting

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer 400 Dollars the amount of Stock called for by that meeting in the 11th month last.

We have united with the Womens Meeting in receiving the following removal Certificate from Kansas Monthly Meeting in favor of Eunice Allen and her minor son David Allen viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, Rhode Island, — Dear Friends — Eunice Allen and her minor son, David Allen, members of this meeting, having removed and settled within your limits, request has been made for our Certificate of their right of membership. This is, therefore, to certify that on due inquiry respecting their conduct and the proper adjustment of their outward affair no obstruction appears to the issuing of a certificate in their behalf. We therefore recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Kansas Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 Month 8th 1866

Caleb Mills, Clerk
Sarah S. Jessup, Clerk for the day.

David Hadley, Correspondent.

Jonathan S. Slocum, Clerk.

Third Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friend held 3 Month 27th 1867

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are — from Smithfield, James Dennis and Joseph Metcalf — from Providence Welcom Congdon and William A. Robinson, who are present. No business at this time.

Jonathan S. Slocum, Clk

Fourth Month 1867.

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo. 24th 1867.

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Gideon C. Smith and Nathan G. Chase; from Providence, Saml. Austin and Thomas Chace, who are present. In the absence of the clerk, Saml. Austin is appointed to serve at this time. The Queries have been read ... and answered by our Preparative Meetings; and the following summary has been adopted, which the clerk is directed to forward, for the information of the Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Harkness & Welcome Congdon whom we appoint representatives.

Our beloved friend, David Tatum, attended this meeting & presented a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute.

We unite with the women's meeting in continuing Philena A. Mann, a member of our religious Society.

We have received the following communication from the Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders, viz "To the Monthly Meeting

At a Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in Providence 4th Mo. 18th 1867. This meeting is united - with the concurrence of the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders - in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gertrude W. Cartland

Joseph Cartland - Clerk"

The subject claimed the weighty consideration of this meeting, which resulted in a full expression of unity therewith. The clerk is directed to forward this information to the Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting has raised and directed to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Freedmen's Fund Five hundred dollars

Samuel Austin - Clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1 All our meetings have been attended - On First-day morning by Friends generally; - in the afternoon of that day and on week days, they are not so well maintained; the hour observed, and with the exception of some instances of sleeping, unbecoming behavior is avoided

" 2nd Love and Unity are maintained, and detraction generally guarded against; no differences has come to our Knowledge

3d A care is felt to bring up those under our direction in plainness, to restrain from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation Pretty good examples herein ourselves, and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families

4th We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spiritous liquors except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning; - none placed out.

6th Careful that all proceedings in regard to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

7 Our testimony against a paid ministry and bearings arms generally maintained. The other parts of this query observed.

8 Friends are careful to settle their affairs; punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts; and living within the bounds of their circumstances as far as appears

Ans. 9 Recording is attended to; a few removals without Certificates. Some care taken.

" 10 Care is taken to deal with offenders as proposed in the Query, and to place Judgment, when necessary, according to Discipline.

Fifth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 Month 29th 1867

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings are - from Smithfield Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis - from Providence Welcome A. Greene and George James Adams, who are present except one.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they attended.

Our beloved friends Moses H. Beede and Huldah M. Beede, returned at this time the certificates granted them in the 7th Month 1865 and accompanied them with the following communication - They also presented copies of minutes from Vassalboro, Salem, Falmouth, Fairfield and Dover Quarterly Meetings and from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, expressing that their company and religious services had been acceptable to them. which information is satisfactory to us

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened at this time a concern that had for a considerable time rested on her mind, to attend the Yearly Meeting soon to be opened, at Pickering Canada West. Her prospect was united with and she was encouraged to attend to the same as Truth may open the way. We appoint Saml. Boyd Tobey and Thomas Harkness a committee with whom she may confer upon any matter connected with her proposed visit.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Sixth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Month 26th 1867. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and James Dennis – from Providence Samuel Austin and Welcome Congdon who are present. –

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication from Joseph L. Holmes. viz "To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Men Friends – Dear Friends – I feel it laid upon me as a duty to request the care and oversight of Friends, and coupled with this duty, a strong yearning to become one of your number. You may think the time is too short for you to decide in and I must confess it has been a short time since I first opened my mouth to an other, but not short, since as I trust, the Lord has been dealing with me, carrying me through many and deep baptisms showing me my sins, teaching me His will, and convincing me that these are the principles He wished me to maintain. I could say much more, but this is perhaps enough for this place and I will leave it with you"

Signed Joseph L. Holmes

Whereupon we appoint Gideon C. Smith, Samuel Austin and Joseph H. Atwater to visit him on the account, and they are desired to report to our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Alfred H. Jones attended this Meeting and presented a copy of a Minute from China Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Stephen Jones attended this meeting as companion to our friend Alfred H. Jones, and presented a copy of a minute also from China Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder and with his present engagement: his company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Ellen M. Nicholson attended this meeting and presented a Certificate from Piney Woods Monthly Meeting held 4 Month 5th 1867, endorsed by Eastern Quarterly Meeting, North Carolina held 5th month 25th 1867. expressing Unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement. Her company and Religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Sarah F. Smiley attended this meeting and presented a Certificate from Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting Virginia held 5 Month 15th 1867, endorsed by the Half Year's Meeting of Virginia, expressing Unity with her as a Minister and with her present engagement:- her company and Religious Services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Edith Griffith attended this Meeting and presented a Certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting held
endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting Ohio held
: her company and Religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Amos Griffith attended this Meeting as companion to his wife Edith Griffith and presented a Certificate from a Committee of Salem Quarterly Meeting, expressing Unity with him as an Elder and with his present engagement; his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish Alfred H. Jones Stephen Jones and Amos Griffith copies of the minutes in their behalf; and to sign on behalf of this Meeting copies of minutes made in the Women's Meeting of like import to ours, in favor of Ellen M. Nicholson, Sarah F. Smiley and Edith Griffith.

Francis A. B. Hussey and his wife Hannah Hussey having requested a removal Certificate to Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, we appoint Samuel Austin and Joseph Cartland to unite with such friends as the Women's Meeting may appoint, make the necessary inquiry, and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

Seventh Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 month 24th 1867. The Representatives to this meeting as appears by the accounts from our Preparative Meetings are - from Smithfield Nathan G. Chace and Gideon C. Smith - from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Welcome Congdon who are present except one from Providence

The Queries have all been read at this time and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by the Preparative Meetings - from these answers we have adopted the following which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Cartland whom we appoint our Representatives

We have received and read at this time a Copy of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School. We have also received a Package of the Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, for distribution

The Committee to prepare a Removal Certificate for Francis A. B. Hussey and wife inform they had given attention to the subject but are not ready to report, - they are continued and desired to report next month.

The Committee to visit Joseph L. Holmes on account of his application for membership made the following report viz:

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends - Your Committee appointed to visit Joseph L. Holmes report. We have attended to the appointment, and had a satisfactory opportunity with him; and it is our united judgement that it may be best to receive him as a member of our Religious Society, which we submit to the Meeting

7 Mo 20th 1867 Gideon C. Smith
Saml. Austin } Committee
Joseph H. Atwater

which is accepted, and with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting, we admit him a member of our Religious Sococielty and Gideon C. Smith is appointed to inform him of our decision

Answer to the Queries

1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended except one - which omission was occasioned by Friends being in attendance of the Yearly Meeting - those held on First day mornings by Friends generally - On the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week now neglected; the Hour observed; no Unbecoming behavior noticed except some instances of Sleeping

2nd. Love and Unity are maintained and Detraction generally guarded against - no Difference has come to our Knowledge.

10th Care taken to deal with Offenders, in manner queried after, and to place judgement when necessary, according to Discipline

Eighth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Month 28th 1867. The Representatives from the Prepa -ative Meetings are from Smithfield, Nathan G. Chace and James Dennis; - from Providence, Welcome A. Greene and Calvin Knowles, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

Our beloved Friend Newell Hoxsie attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement: his company and religious service have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Committee to prepare a removal certificate in favor of Francis A. B. Hussey, and Hannah his wife, presented the following viz; "To Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa. - Dear Friends - Francis A. B. Hussey and Hannah his wife, members of this Meeting, have removed within the compass of yours; and upon inquiry made relative to their conduct and temporal affairs, nothing appears to prevent the issuing of a Certificate on their behalf. We therefore recommend them to your Christian Care and remain with love your friends" which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward it as addressed.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a Removal Certificate to Bloomington Monthly Meeting Iowa, in favor of Clara H. Hussey prepared by the Womens Meeting

Gideon C. Smith informed that he had given Joseph L. Holmes the information required in his case.

We appoint Thomas Harkness, James Dennis and Welcome Congdon, a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and to propose the names of Friends to serve this Meeting the ensuing year as Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder and Auditors and they are desired to report next month.

Our Preparative Meetings are requested to nominate Friends to serve this meeting as Overseers of Society, Overseers of the Poor, Care-takers of Meeting houses and Burial Grounds, Recorders and Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

We have received at this time a package of the London General Epistle for 1866, the reading of one of which is deferred till next month.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Ninth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 month 25th 1867. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Nathan G. Chase and Gideon C. Smith - from Providence Welcome Congdon and Albert K. Smiley who are present

The Committee appointed last month to settle the Treasurers account and to nominate Officers for this meeting, made the following report, viz "To Providence Monthly Meeting - In accordance with our appointment, we have examined and settled the Treasurers' Accounts and find a balance due him from the Monthly Meeting of 113.20 dollars; and balances in his hands
116.66 dollars on the Charitable School Fund
66.42 dollars on the Deborah H. Jencks Fund
11.34 dollars on the Burying Ground Fund
— And we propose the following named Friends for the services designated, viz:

Jonathan L. Slocum. Clerk
Thomas E. Steere Assist. Clerk } William A. Robinson Treasurer

Gideon C. Smith } Auditors — Saml. Austin, Recorder
Joseph C. Peckham }

Providence 9 mo 25th — Thomas Harkness }
1867 — Welcome Congdon } Committee
James Dennis } "

which is satisfactory and the friends named are appointed to the stations designated for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend William Jenkins attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Alliance Monthly Meeting endorsed by Damascus Quarterly Meeting Ohio expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement — his company and religious service have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the Certificate granted her in the 5th month last to attend the opening of Canada Yearly Meeting at Pelham, C.W. and informed us that she had been enabled to attend to the service to the relief and peace of her mind. She also produced a copy of a minute from that Yearly Meeting expressing that her company had been acceptable to them: all of which is satisfactory to us.

A. copy of the London General Epistle for 1866 was read at this time and has been to our edification and comfort.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Tenth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th month 30th 1867. The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield James Den: and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Jos: H. Atwater and Thomas Chase, who are present.

Our beloved friend Oliver G. Owen attended this meeting and produced a certificate from South River Monthly Meeting Iowa expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement; - his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have all been read at this time and the 1st 2nd and 10th answered by our preparative Meetings. From these answers we have adopted the following summary as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends William A. Robinson Gideon C. Smith and Thomas Harkness whom we appoint representatives

Providence Preparative Meeting presents the following nominations for Offices of this meeting viz:

Overseers of Society	William A. Robinson Joseph Cartland
Overseers of the Poor	Welcome Congdon Joseph C. Peckham
Caretakers of Meeting Houses Funerals and Burying Grounds at Providence & Scituate	Welcome Congdon William A. Robinson Joseph Cartland Joseph H. Atwater
Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder	Francis H. Perry John J. Meader

and Smithfield the following viz:

Overseers of Society	Joseph Metcalf James Dennis Nathan G. Chase
Overseers of the Poor	Gideon C. Smith Job Mann
Caretakers of Meeting Houses, Funerals and Burying Grounds at Smithfield and Cumberland	James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Daniel Meader
" " "	Joseph Metcalf Nathan G. Chase Charles Metcalf
Reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder	James Dennis Jr. Daniel Meader

which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to those Stations for the ensuing year, or until an other appointment.

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our Meetings have been attended; those on First-day Mornings by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are more neglected; - The hour observed; except some instances of Sleeping no unbecoming behavior noticed.

2nd. Love and Unity are generally maintained and Detraction mostly guarded against When Differences have appeared, endeavors have been used to end them.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place Judgement when necessary according to Discipline.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

Eleventh Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 11th month 27th 1867. The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield — Nathan G. Chace and James Dennis; from Providence, George S. Collins and Thomas E. Steere, who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended except one, who was absent from bodily indisposition.

Our beloved friend Eli Jessup attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Oskaloosa Quarterly Meeting Iowa, expressing Unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us: and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

We have received at this time the following minute from the Quarterly Meeting by which it appears that our proportion of Stock for that meeting is Three hundred and Seventy five (375) Dollars. Our Preparative Meetings are required to raise and pay to our Treasurer Twelve hundred (1200) Dollars, for that purpose and for this meetings use.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in discontinuing the membership of Henrietta S. Jones

Jonathan L. Steere, Clerk

Twelfth Month 1867

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th month 25th 1867 — The Representatives to this meeting are, — from Smithfield, Nathan G. Chase and Joseph Holmes — from Providence Welcome Congdon and Joseph H. Atwater who are present.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

First Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st month 29th 1868. — The Representatives to this meeting are, — from Smithfield James Dennis and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Wm. A. Robinson and Alfred H. Smiley, who are present.

The Queries have all been read at this time and the First, Second and Tenth answered by our Preparative Meetings. — We have adopted the following Summary as descriptive of our State, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Wm. A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith and Nathan G. Chase whom we appoint representatives.

Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon returned at this time the Certificate granted him in the 10th mo. 1866, and informed us that the object he sought in his late visit abroad — the renovation of his health, had been measurably accomplished; which information is pleasant to us.

A removal Certificate from Brighouse Monthly Meeting England in favor of Thomas Pearson having been presented and the Friend not being within our limits, the Clerk is directed to return the same to that Meeting

We have united with the Women's Meeting in accepting a removal certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Hannah Thurston.

Welcome Congdon and Thomas E. Steere are appointed to make the usual provision for the accommodation of Friends in attendance of the approaching Quarterly Meeting, and they are desired to report the expense to our next meeting.

Answers to the Queries

1st All our Meetings have been attended - On First day Mornings by Friends generally. On the afternoon of that day and on week day they are more neglected. The hour observed. Except some instances of Sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent.

2nd We believe Love and Unity are pretty well maintained, and Detraction mostly guarded against: No Differences apparent.

10th We believe Friends are careful to deal with Offenders as queried after, and to place Judgment, when necessary according to Discipline.

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk

Second Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2 Mo. 26th 1868 — The Representatives to this meeting are - from Smithfield Joseph Holmes and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Welcome Congdon and Alfred H. Smiley, who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Committee to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting, made the following report, which is accepted and the Clerk is directed to certify its acceptance to the Treas.

-ures of the Quarterly Meeting viz:

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following communication from Ezra G. Robinson viz: "Attleborough 2 month 18th 1868. To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Men Friends for the 2nd month 1868 Dear Friends — I wish to come under your care. Ezra G. Robinson"
We appoint Thomas Harkness Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Cartland to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting

We have with the concurrence of the Womens Meeting accepted the following removal certificate from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in favor of Job Weeden. viz: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — Dear Friends, Job Weeden having removed within the limits of your Meeting we have thought best to send a certificate. This is to certify that he is a member of this meeting and his affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends
Signed on behalf of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, Rhode Island 3 mo 28th 1867

Joseph E. Macomber
Cynthia Bowen } Clerks.

We have united with the Womens Meeting in receiving into membership Martha S. Weeden

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

Third Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3d mo. 25th 1868. — The representatives from the Preparative Meetings are, from Smithfield, Nathan S. Chase and James Dennings; from Providence, Thomas E. Steere and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present.

Our beloved friend Stephen Cartland attended this meeting and produced a minute from Durham (Maine) Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The committee in the case of Ezra G. Robinson, inform that they have given attention to the subject but are not ready to make a full report: — they are continued and desired to report next month.

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning George T. Mitchell. We appoint Jonathan L. Slocum and Samuel Austin to visit him on the account and they are desired to report next month.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in continuing the membership of Eunice Angell, formerly Chace.

Fourth Month

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th month 29th 1868. The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfiel Nathan G. Chase and Joseph D. Holmes; from Providence Wm. A. Robinson and Jonathan L. Slocum, who are present.

The Queries have all been read at this time and answered by our Preparative Meetings; from these answers we have adopted the following as descriptive of our state, which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends, Jonathan L. Slocum, Thomas Harkness and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint representative

The Committee in the case of Ezra G. Robinson, informed that they had given further attention to the case but are not ready to make a full report; they are continued and desired to report to our next Meeting.

The Committee in the case of Geo. T. Mitchell made the following report, which is accepted, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have concluded to continue him in Membership and Thomas E. Steere is appointed to give him this information. — To Providence Monthly Meeting

In accordance with appointment, we have visited George T. Mitchell upon the communication of the Overseers — He manifested an attachment to Friends and expressed his belief in the correctness of their religious Principles and desires to be continued in Membership — it is our judgment that it may be best to grant his request.

Jona. L. Slocum } Com.
Saml. Austin

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication from William K. Reynolds. We appoint James Dennis and Joseph Cartland to visit him on the account and they are desired to report to our next meeting — viz;

To the Monthly Meeting — Dear Friends
This is to inform you that I have a regard for Friends, and have full faith in their principles; but being so situated that I cannot attend your Meetings, I ask to be released from membership with you. and remain your friend
Providence 3rd mo. 18th 1868 William K. Reynolds.

We appoint Thomas Hackness and Gideon C. Smith, to unite with a committee of the Women's meeting in considering the application of Abby E. King that her children may be received into membership; and they are desired to report when ready.

In consequence of recent changes in this monthly meeting it is deemed desirable to call the attention of the Quarterly Meeting to the subject of a new apportionment of its expenses among the Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of the Sum called for by that Meeting in the 11th month last.

Answers to the Queries

Answer 1st All our Meetings have been attended. Those held on the morning of First-day by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week, they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed; no unbecoming behavior apparent, except some instances of Sleeping.

" 2nd Love and Unity pretty well maintained and Detraction generally guarded against. No Difference that we know of.

Answers to the Queries continued

Ans. 3d. Care taken in regard to plainness, pernicious Reading and Corrupt conversation. Pretty good examples herein ourselves, and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

" 4th. Careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except as medicine and to observe the several other parts of this query

" 5th. The circumstances of the Poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their Children partake of learning to fit them for business. None placed out.

" 6th. Parents and Heads of families with the Young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our Discipline

" 7th. Our testimony to the freeness of the Gospel Ministry is maintained; also against bearing arms, training and other Military matters, against being concerned in property taken in War, buying or vending goods suspected to be run, and against making false entries to evade the payment of Duties.

" 8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. are generally punctual to their promises and just in the payments of their debts and, careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

" 9th. Careful as to records and care taken in relation to certificates.

" 10th Care taken to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement according to Discipline.

Jonathan L. Slocum.
Clerk.

Fifth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 Mo. 27th 1868. The representatives to this meeting, are from Smithfield James Dennis and Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence Welcom A. Greene and Saml. Austin, who are present

The Committee in the case of Eliza G. Ro inson, informed that they are not ready to report at this time, — they are continued and desired to report to a future meeting

Thomas E. Steere reported that he had given George T. Mitchell, the information requi -ed in his case.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Wm K. Reynolds made the following report, which is accepted and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we discontinue him as a member of our religious society; and Samuel Austin is appointed to give him this information; viz

To the Monthly Meeting — We your Committee to visit Wm. K. Reynolds, have attended to our appointment, and united in recommending that his request be granted.

Providence 5 Mo. 23d { James Dennis
1868 { Joseph Cartland.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have collected and paid to our Treasurer 142 dollars, the balance of the amount called for by this meeting

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

Sixth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6 Month 24th 1868. The representatives to this Meeting are,- from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and Joseph. L. Holmes - from Providence, - Samuel Austin and William L. Coffin, who are present except one.

Samuel Austin reports that he has given William R. Reynolds information of our action in his case.

With the concurrence of the Women's meeting we have accepted the following removal certificate from Greenwich Monthly Meeting in favor of George J. Adams. viz: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, - Dear Friends - George James Adams, having resided within your limits some time, now requests a removal certificate to your Monthly Meeting - This may certify that he is a member of our religious Society, of orderly life and conversation, and that his outward affairs appear to be arranged to satisfaction. We recommend him to your Christian care and are your Friends. Signed on behalf of Greenwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 6 Mo. 1st 1868

Solomon R. Knowles,
Gulielma Freeborn } Clerks

Our esteemed Friend Daniel McPherson attended this meeting and presented a certificate from Gilead Monthly Meeting Missouri held 4 Mo 6th 1867 endorsed by Center Quarterly Meeting Ohio held 5 Month 4th 1867. expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements - his company and religious services have been acceptable and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our friend Lydia Mary McPherson attended this meeting as companion to her husband Samuel McPherson and produced a copy of a minute from Gilead Monthly Meeting Missouri expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement. -her company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute of similar import to the above

Our beloved friend Lydia Greene attend this meeting and produced a certificate from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement - her company has been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth C. Underhi attended this meeting as companion to our friend Lydia Greene and produced a copy of a minute from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting N. York. expressing unity with her as an elder and with her present engagement -her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf minutes of like import with the abov prepared in the Women's meeting

We have united with the Women's Meeting in discontinuing the membership of Eliza Manchester.

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk.

Seventh Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th month 29th 1868. The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfie James Dennis and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Alfred H. Smiley and Welcome A. Greene who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time and the First Second & Tenth answered by our Preparative Meetings. We have adopted the following summary as descriptive of our State, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Gilber Congdon, James Dennis and Jonathan D. Slocum whom we appoint representatives

We have received at this time for distribution, a package of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, and the report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School which has been read.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in receiving into membership Annie L. King Ebaline A. King and Elizabeth M. King minor children of Abby E. King.

Answers to the Queries –

1st. All our meetings have been attended, those held on the mornings of First-day by members generally. - On the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected; - the hour nearly observed, and no unbecoming behavior apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2nd Love and Unity have been pretty well maintained and Detraction mostly guarded against. No Difference that we know of.

10th.

Care taken to deal with Offenders in good degree as queried after and to place Judgment, when necessary, according to Discipline.

Jonathan D. Slocum, Clerk.

Eighth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Month 26th 1868. The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph L. Holmes and James Dennis from Providence Samuel Austin and George James Adams who are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one; for whose absence a reason was given

At the request of our Treasurer Wm. A. Robinson, we appoint Thomas Harkness and Gideon C. Smith a committee with whom he may advise in relation to a note held by this Meeting against the estate of Moses Brown Jenkins and with their concurrence he is authorized to settle the same as may seem to him best.

With the concurrence of the Womens meeting we have accepted the following removal certificates from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in favor of Jonathan F. Comstock and Andrew Comstock. viz: To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends — Dear Friends — Jonathan F. Comstock, having removed to live within the limits of your Meeting; this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our Religious Society of moral life and conversation and has settled his pecuniary affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends

On behalf of Smithfield Monthly of Friends held 5th Month 28th 1868

Richard Battey } Clerks.
Mary B. Read

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends — Andrew Comstock having removed to live within the limits of your Meeting; this may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our religious Society of moral life and conversation, and has settled his pecuniary affairs to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend him to your Christian care and are your friends.

On behalf of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Month 28th 1868

Richard Battey } Clerks.
Mary B. Read

We have united with the Women's meeting in receiving into membership, Wealthy C. Robinson, Vassalboro Monthly having consented to her being so received.

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk

Ninth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 Month 23^d^ 1868. The representatives to this meeting are - from Smithfield James Dennis and Joseph L. Holmes - from Providence Samuel Austin and Thomas Harkness who are present.

We appoint Thomas Harkness Joseph H. Atwater and George L. Collins a Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and present the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Treasurer, Clerk, Assistant Clerk Auditors and Recorder for the ensuing year and they are requested to report to our next Meeting - Our Preparative Meetings are requested to present the names of Friends as overseers of Society, overseers of the Poor, Caretakers of Meeting houses and funerals and reporters of Births and Deaths to the Recorder.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clk.

Tenth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10^th^ Mo. 28^th^ 1869. The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Gideon C. Smyth and James Dennis - from Providence, Welcome A. Greene and Saml. Austin who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time, and the First, Second and Tenth answered by our preparative meetings. The following is adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Geo. L. Collins, Joseph H. Atwater, Samu Austin and Gideon C. Smith whom we appoint our Representatives.

With the concurrence of the Women's meeting we have received into membership Ezra G. Robinson; Vassalborough monthly Meeting by which he was disowned having consented thereto; and James Dennis is appointed to inform him our decision in his case.

The Committee appointed last month for that purpose made the following report, which is satisfactory; and the Friends therein named are appointed to the Offices designated for the ensuing year or until an other appointment. viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting

The Committee to propose the names of Friends for Clerks, Treasurer Auditors and Recorder and to examine the Treasurer's accounts, Repo

For Clerk, - Jonathan L. Slocum
" Assistant " Thomas E. Steere
" Treasurer. William A. Robinson
Auditors { George L. Collins, and
Gideon C. Smith

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For Recorder Samuel Austin

We have examined and settled the Treasure accounts: Balance in his hands Five & 02/100 Dollars in the Monthly Meeting's general expen account: One hundred and fifty three & 64/100 Dollars on the Charity School Fund: One hundred and One & 42/100 Dollars on the Deborah H. Jencks Fund; and Sixty six & 34/100 Dollars on the Burying Ground Fund.

Providence 10th mo. 24th 1868

Thomas Harkness
Joseph H. Atwater
Geo. L. Collins

Alfred H. Smiley and wife, Rachael M. Smiley ask for a removal certificate for themselves and their minor children, Edward A., Frederic A., George H., Susan H., Fannie B. and Abby R. to Oswego Monthly Meeting, N.Y. We appoint Samuel Austin and Gideon C. Smith to unite with such Friends as the Women's meeting may appoint, to make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Our beloved friend Huldah H. Beede, a minister in unity with us, opened at this time a concern that has for a long time rested with weight upon her mind.

Eleventh Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th month 25th 1868. The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Joseph D. Holmes - from Providence - Calvin Knowles & Welcome Congdon who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended except one for whose non-attendance a reason was given

The committee appointed last month to unite with a similar one of the Womens meeting and prepare if no obstruction should appear, a removal Certificate for Alfred H. Smiley and family, presented the following, which is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward as addressed - viz:
"To Oswego Monthly Meeting of Friends State of New York. Dear Friends - Alfred H. Smiley and Rachel M. Smiley his wife, members of this meeting, having removed to Po'Kepsie within the limits of yours, This may certify that they are diligent in the attendance of meetings, of orderly lives, and upon inquiry their outward affairs appear to be satisfactorily settled and nothing prevents the issuing of a certificate on their behalf. - We therefore recommend them with their minor Children Edward A. - Frederic A. - George H. - Susan H. - Fannie R. - and Abbie E. - to your christian care and remain with love your friends." -

James Dennis reported that he had given Ezra G. Robinson, the required information in his case.

We have received the following minute from our last Quarterly Meeting; by which it appears that our proportion of stock called for by that meeting is Six hundred and forty eight Dollars ($648). Our Preparative Meetings are requested to raise and pay to our Treasurer Thirteen hundred and fifty Dollars ($1350) for that purpose and for this meetings use the ensuing year.

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Fall River 5th of 11th Month 1868 - It was concluded to raise for the use of the meeting Eighteen hundred Dollars ($1800); the quota of Providence Monthly meeting is Six hundred and forty eight ($648) Dollars 36 per cent. which the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Welcome Congdon the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer.
On behalf of the Meeting, Gideon C. Smith, Clerk.

Some changes having taken place in our preparative Meetings making a reapportionment of stock for this meeting desirable, we appoint Thomas Hackness, Gideon C. Smith and William A. Robinson and James Dennis to take the subject into consideration and communicate their judgement in the case to the collectors of the Preparative Meetings and they are desired to report to this meeting next month.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting presents the following names for Officers of the Monthly Meeting

Overseers of Society	James Dennis Gideon C. Smith
Overseers of the Poor	Gideon C. Smith Job Mann
Caretakers of Meeting House, Funerals & Burying Grounds at Smithfield	James Dennis Gideon C. Smith Daniel Meader
Same Services at Cumberland	Joseph S. Holmes Charles Metcalf
Repr of Births & Deaths to Recorder.	Daniel Meader

and Providence Preparative Meeting presents the following.

Overseers of Society	William A. Robinson Joseph Cartland
Care-takers of Meeting Houses, Funerals, and Burying Grounds at Providence and Scituate.	Welcome Congdon Samuel Austin Joseph H. Atwater Welcome A. Greene George L. Collins Thomas E. Steere
Reporter of Births & Deaths to the Recorder.	Thomas Chace Robert Shove

which names are satisfactory and these friends are appointed to the stations designated for the ensuing year or until an other appointment.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Twelfth Month 1868

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12 Mo. 30th 1868. — The representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield Gideon C. Smith and James Dennis; from Providence Albert K. Smiley and Welcome A. Greene who are present

The Committee to reapportion between the Preparative Meetings the stock to be raise for this meeting make the following report which is satisfactory and the recommendation therein named is adopted.

To Providence Monthly Meeting
The Committee to take into consideration the apportionment of stock, propose that Providence Preparative Meeting pay Seventy five per cent and Smithfield Preparative Meeting pay Twenty five per cent. over—

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Thomas Harkness
Wm. A. Robinson
James Dennis
Gideon C. Smith
} Committe

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk

First Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friend held 1 Mo. 27th 1869. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting, Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence George T. Mitchell and Calvin Knowles who are present except one, for whose absence a reason was given.

The Queries have all been read at this time and the First, Second & Tenth answered by our Preparative Meetings. From these answers we have adopted the following summary which the Clerk is directed to forward for the information of our next Quarterly Meeting by Thomas Harkness, Joseph H. Atwater and James Dennis whom we appoint our Representatives

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication, concerning Richard M. Atwater. Whereupo we appoint Saml. Austin and Jona. L. Slocum to take the necessary care in the case and they are desired to report next month viz;

"To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Richard M. Atwater has connected himself in marriage with a person not a member of our Religious Society.
Prov. 1 Mo 18th 1869
Wm. A. Robinson
Jos. Cartland
} Overseer

Nathan G. Chase applies at this time for a removal Certificate to Win Monthly Meeting Iowa for himself, his wife Anna G. Cha and daughter, Lydia Maria Chase. We appoint Gideon C. Smith and Wm. A. Robinson to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting make the necessary inquiry and if no obstruction appears prepare one on their behalf and present it to our next meeting.

Smithfield Preparative Meeting inform that they have raised and paid to our Treasurer the Amount of stock called for the use of this meeting viz: Three hundred and thirty seven & 50/100 Dollars.

We appoint Joseph H. Atwater Geo. J. Adams and Albert K. Smiley to make the necessary provision for the accommodation of the ensuing Quarterly Meeting and they are desired to report the expense to next meeting

Answers to the Queries

First_ All our Meetings have been attended On the morning of the First day of the week by our members generally. On the afternoon of that day and on week days, they are more neglected_: The hour nearly observed. Excepting some instances of Sleeping, no unbecoming behav-ior apparent.

Second Love & Unity are pretty well maintained and Detraction generally guarded against. No Differences have come to our Knowledge

Tenth. Care taken to deal with Offenders we believe in manner queried after, and to place Judgement when necessary according to Discipline

Jonathan D. Slocum, Clerk.

Second Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Frien held 2d Month 24th 1869. The Representatives to this Meeting are— from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph D. Holmes and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence, Wilcome A. Greene and Wilcome Congdon, who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended.

The Committee to make provision for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting reported the expense to have been Thirteen & / Dolls. ($13.) which is approved and the Clerk is directed to certify the same to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee on the part of this Meeting to prepare a removal certificate for Nathan G. Chase and family, presented the following which is approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward it as addressed. viz:

"To Winneshiek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa,
Dear Friends — Nathan G. Chase with his wife Anna G. Chase and their daughter Lydia Maria Chase, having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting request our certificate.

This may certify that they are members of our religious Society of orderly lives, diligent in the attendance of Meetings, and their outward affairs are settled to satisfaction as far as appears. We recommend them to your Christian care and are your friends."

The Committee in the case of Richard M. Atwater informed they had given attention to the case but are not ready to report; they are continued and desired to report to our next Meeting

We have received through Providence Preparative Meeting the following communication concerning John J. Meader viz:

To Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, We are informed that John Joseph Meader while in the capacity of Clerk appropriated to his own use the property of his employer, thereby making himself amenable to the Discipline

Providence 2 month 13 } William A. Robinson
1869 } Joseph Caitland } Overs

One of the overseers who signs the complaint having been prevented by illness from seeing the offender ~~the~~ other who is present states to the meeting that he admitted the truth of the charge; we feel therefore that the cause of Truth requires our prompt action in the case and we accordingly disown him as a member of our Religious Society

and Gilbert Congdon and Joseph H. Atwater are appointed to inform him of our decision in his case.

We have received the following communication from Andrew Comstock whereupon we appoint Samuel Austin and Albert K. Smiley to visit him and they are desired to report to our next meeting.

Third Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3rd Mo. 24th 1869. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Ezra Robinson -from Providence Geo. J. Adams and Albert K. Smiley who are present.

The Committee to inform John J. Meader of his disownment, reported that they had attended to their appointment and given him the information required

The Committee in the case of Richard M. Atwater, made the following report which is accepted and we accordingly continue him a member of our religious Society; the Womens Meeting uniting therein and Saml. Austin is appointed to inform him of our decision; "To the Monthly meeting; The Committee in the case of Richard M. Atwater report; That they corresponded with him and find he feels a strong attachment to Friends and mifests a decided wish to retain his connection with our religious Society. It is our judgement therefore that he be continued a member
Samuel Austin
Providence 23d of 3d Mo. 1869" Jon.a L. Slocum

The Committee in the case of Andrew Comstock made the following report, which is accepted and we accordingly release him from membership, the Womens meeting uniting therein and Samuel Austin is appointed to inform him of our decision.

"To Providence Monthly Meeting
The committee appointed to visit Andrew Comstock on account of his resigning his membership, report; that they have conferred with him and find him strongly attached to an other religious Society. Although entertaining a high regard for our Society

he is firm in his desire to withdraw from it
The Committee would therefore recommend that
his resignation be accepted

Providence 3 mo 23 1869" Saml. Austin / Albert K. Smiley } Committee

The Treasurer made the following communication concerning a note held by this meeting against Moses Brown Jenkins; and his action in the case is satisfactory to us and, with the advice of the Committee appointed by this meeting in the 8th Month last he is requested to invest the same as fast as the principal shall be paid, in such way as may seem best; the accrued and accruing interest to be applicable to the current expenses of this Meeting. viz:

The Treasurer Reports, that he has with the approval of the Committee appointed in the case, compromised for the settlement of a note belonging to this Meeting for Five Thousand ($5000) Dollars dated 12th mo 1st 1866 signed by Saml. Boyd Tobey as Trustee for Moses Brown Jenkins and endorsed by Saml. Boyd Tobey, - Interest paid to 6 mo 1st 1867. Giving up the interest for five months and 50 per cent of the remaining interest and the same rate on the principal. For this viz half the interest as above and half the principal - the Treasurer has the note of William J. Hoppin guardian to said Jenkins dated 9th Month 1st 1868 on interest at 6% from date payable semiannually after 4 Month 1st 1869 for Twenty Six Hundred and Twenty five ($2625) Dollars, on which I have this day 3 Month 20th/69 received 25% or Six hundred and Fifty six 25/100 ($656.25) Dollars and endorsed the same on said note.

Wm. A. Robinson, Treasr.

Fourth Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4 Month 28th 1869. — The Representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Joseph L. Holmes and James Dennis: from Providence, Welcome Congdon and Calvin Knowles who are present.

The Queries have all been read at this time and answered by our preparative meetings. From these answers we have made the following summary as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Thomas Harkness Joseph Cartland Thomas Chase and James Dennis whom we appoint our representatives

Samuel Austin informed that he had given Richard M. Atwater information of our decision in his case. — He also reported that he had given Andrew Comstock information of our conclusion in his case.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in releasing from membership Sarah Lenz late (Greene)

We would propose to the Quarterly Meeting the name of Thomas Harkness to serve this meeting as Correspondent in place of Saml. B. Tobey deceased.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid to the Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Stock called for by that Meeting in the 11 Month last.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a removal Certificate to R.I. Monthly Meeting prepared in the Women's meeting for Hannah Thurston.

1st Answers to the Queries

All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended. Those held on First-day Mornings by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are neglected by a number. The hour observed. Except some instances of Sleeping, no unbecoming behaviour noticed

2nd Love and Unity are pretty well maintained and Detraction guarded against No Difference has come to our Knowledge

3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness of Speech behavior and apparel; to restrain them from pernicious Reading and from corrupt conversation, pretty good examples themselves;— the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all Friends families

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors except for Medicine the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of Public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on the account of Births Marriages, Burials and on other occasions

5th. The Circumstances of the Poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their Children partake of learning; - none placed out.

6th. Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

7th We believe our testimonies in these respects are maintained

8th. We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, intend

over.

to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Recording is attended to; a few removals without Certificates - some care taken.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgment according to Discipline.

Jonathan L. Slocum, Clerk.

Fifth Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 Month 26th 1869. The Representatives to this Meeting are from Smithfield Preparative Meeting Gideon C. Smith and Joseph L. Holmes; from Providence Preparative Meeting Welcome A. Greene and Thomas Chase who are present.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting inform that they all attended

We have united with the Womens meeting in liberating Elcy M. Chase to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of New York as companion to our friend Huldah M. Bede and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute for her prepared in that meeting

We have, at this time, read the London General Epistle for 1867; and the exhortations and cautions therein contained we have felt to be encouraging and Salutary

Jonathan L. Slocum.

Sixth Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th month 25th 1869. The Representatives to this meeting are, from Smithfield Preparative Meeting James Dennis and Joseph L. Holmes - from Providence, Thomas E. Stere and Jonathan L. Slocum who are present.

Our beloved friend William Nicholson having attended our late Yearly Meeting with a certificate from Piney Woods Monthly Meeting North Carolina is acceptably with us at this time - his religious services have been satisfactory to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Zacheus H. Powell attended this meeting and produced a certificate from Scipio Monthly Meeting endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting State of New York expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement; - his company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Wm R. Taber attended this meeting as companion to our friend Zacheus H. Powell and produced a copy of a minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting State of New York expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement - his company has been satisfactory to us: and the clerk is directed to furnish him and Zacheus H. Powell with copies of minutes made in their cases respectively.

We have united with the Womens Meeting in releasing from membership Emma G. Smith

Our friend Elcy M. Chace returned at this time the minute granted her last month with an acknowledgment of New York Yearly Meeting of her acceptable attendance of that meeting.

We have received and read at this time a copy of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School

We appoint Joseph Cartland Samuel Austin and Gideon C. Smith a committee to which application should be made for the benefit of the Charitable funds of the Yearly Meeting for educational purposes at the Boarding School.

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk

Seventh Month 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7 Month 28th 1869. The representatives to this meeting are from Smithfield Joseph L. Holmes and Gideon C. Smith; from Providence Samuel Austin and Albert K. Smiley, who are present.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the First Second and Tenth answered by our Preparative Meetings, from which answers we have adopted the following Summary and the Clerk is directed to forward the same for the information of the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Newport by our Friends Welcome Congdon, James Dennis and Thomas Harkneſs, whom we appoint representatives

We have received through Smithfield Preparative Meeting the following Communication from Joseph L. Holmes and wife; whereupon we appoint Gideon C. Smith and James Dennis, to unite with such Friends as the women may appoint, visit the parents and children, and report their judgment in the case to our next meeting. viz:

"To Smithfield Preparative Meeting of Friends
We solicit the care and oversight of Friends for our son Delosse Irving Holmes at his request. We also desire its extension over our daughters, Hattie Louise Holmes and Mabel Day Holmes
Joseph L. Holmes
Charlotte D. Holmes"

Our beloved Friend Sarah H. Reynolds opened in this meeting a prospect that had for a considerable time rested with weight upon her mind to attend in the love of the Gospel some of the meetings in our own and adjacent Quarterly Meetings, especially those of Smithfield and Sandwich, and to attend to such other religious service as her mind might be drawn to. Her concern claimed our deliberate consideration and was united with and she left at liberty to attend to the services proposed. We appoint Thomas Hackney and Joseph Cartland a committee with which she may confer on any matters connected with her proposed visit

Answers to the Queries

First – All our meetings have been held. On the forenoon of First days well attended in the afternoons and in the middle of the week, too much neglected by some; the hour nearly observed, and except some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior was apparent.

Second. Love & Unity are in good degree maintained and Detraction generally guarded against; no Difference has come to our knowledge

Tenth. Friends endeavor to deal with Offenders in the spirit and manner required after and to place Judgment when required according to discipline.

Jonathan L. Slocum Clerk

Eighth Month: 1869

At Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8 month 26th 1869.

The representatives to this meeting, are from Smithfield, James Dennis and Ezra Robinson from Providence; Welcome A. Greene and Thomas Harkness who are present.

In the absence of the clerk Samuel Austin is appointed to serve for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly inform that they attended

We are informed that William F. Meader residing in Brooklyn is desirous of a removal certificate to New York Monthly Meeting of Friends James Dennis and Joseph C. Atwater are appointed to make the needful inquiry and if way opens to present an essay of a certificate to our next meeting

See p. 376.

This Meeting having been informed that Commissioners duly appointed to straighten and widen North Main Street, have reported in favor of appropriating a part of our meeting house lots in Providence and have accordingly made an award in the case, we appoint William A. Robinson Thomas Harkness and James Dennis, to represent this Meeting on the account, with authority to act in the matter according to their best judgement and they are desired to report at a future meeting.

Samuel Austin
Clerk for the day

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170. Quarterly meetings in this Y. M
192. Prospect of religious service in Great Britain &c
195. To appoint some Meetings in Western part of Massachusetts

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Page 33. 1843. Renewed visit to England
45 — 1843. Visit to Sandwich Q My & N [illegible] Monthly Meeting }
" 63. 1844. Returned finally her certificate to England —
" 93 — 1845. To visit Phila Y Meeting.
93 To attend Y Meeting in Phila
100 Presented certificates from the two Months of Congenies
139: To visit families this meeting & some meetings in Salem Quarter
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161 visit to England 1848
168. Quarterly Meetings Vassalboro & Fairfield —
184. Returned certificate to visit England

John Meader
232. To attend Dover Q. Mg. &c.

Hannah C Robinson

Returned minute to attend N Yk Y. Meeting 2 28.

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Jan'41 Vaughan 45. Mathew Buffington 86

The following information is appended to the New York Epistle, viz:

"Correspondents.—John Duel for Saratoga Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Kirby, released at his request. Address Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y.

Ephraim Potter for Granville Monthly Meeting, in place of Harris Otis, deceased. Address Granville, Washington County, N. Y.

John Bevans for Pelham Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph King, deceased. Address Pelham Post-Office, Niagara District, Canada West, via Lewiston.

Paul Southwick, Peru Monthly Meeting. Address Keesville, Clinton County, N. Y."

In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting—whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that "the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter—address Monrovia, Morgan Co., Indiana.

Samuel P. Haviland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter—address Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in the place of James Smith deceased—address Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.

Change the address of Eleazer Hiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co. Ind'a."

Extracted from the Minutes.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*